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THE STORY SO FAR

21st century Neo-Tokyo stands on the ashes of Tokyo, destroyed four decades earlier by the mind of a child — the mind of Akira. Subject of a military project gone horribly wrong, Akira was placed in cryogenic hibernation after the holocaust until his infinite powers could be harnessed. The other survivors of "The Project," formidable psychics withering away in children's bodies, know that one day Akira will awaken.

Enter Tetsuo, an angry young member of a motorcycle gang led by his friend Kaneda. A violent accident sets off within Tetsuo dormant psychokinetic abilities that grow rapidly, as do a raging headache and a virulent madness. Tetsuo soon explodes in a psychic killing spree against friend and foe, turning Kaneda from blood-brother to mortal enemy. Tetsuo has not gone unnoticed by The Project's leader, the mysterious Colonel, who uses a super-drug to quell Tetsuo's agony while stimulating his powers and bringing Tetsuo under his thrall. But Tetsuo soon grows beyond the control of the Colonel and his psychics — Takashi, Masaru, and Kiyoko — and Tetsuo's discovery of Akira's existence fomented within him the urge to confront the child super-being.

Avengeful Kaneda allies with a resistance group, including the beautiful Kei and her partner Ryu, in an attempt to kill Tetsuo and infiltrate the secret subterranean lab that houses the sleeping Akira. They enter the facility and find Tetsuo in combat with the Colonel's security forces. Tetsuo's psychic vibrations stir Akira, and the child emerges from his frozen prison. Tetsuo helps the bewildered child to the surface, but the frantic Colonel orders the gigantic laser cannon of the military satellite SOL to fire on Tetsuo and Akira. Tetsuo's arm is shredded, and the two become separated in the mayhem. Tetsuo disappears, but Kaneda and Kei find Akira and take him to safety.

A state of emergency blankets Neo-Tokyo as the population heads for shelter, the streets quarantined by military patrols and Caretaker robot sentries. Kaneda and Kei — along with Chiyoiko, a powerful woman of the resistance — bring Akira to a yacht for safekeeping, but the duplicitous resistance leader, Nezu, takes Akira to use as a weapon against the government and orders the three killed. Chiyoiko fights their

way to freedom, and they invade Nezu's home and recapture Akira. The Colonel's forces eventually corner Akira, who for the first time in decades sees Masaru, Kiyoko, and Takashi. The reunion is cut short by Nezu, who in trying to kill Akira rather than let him fall into government hands, shoots Takashi, whose death triggers Akira's power. A titanic psychic wave surges through Neo-Tokyo, and the citizenry struggle desperately to survive the cataclysm. As the destruction subsides, Akira sits alone at ground zero. A lone figure approaches him through the wreckage. It is Tetsuo!

From the flooded ruins rises the Great Tokyo Empire, a small army of crazed zealots focused around Akira's miracles but under the malefic control of Tetsuo. The Empire seals itself off from the world, but undercover agents from the outside arrive to assess the threat. The Empire plans to neutralize its most immediate enemies, the child psychics and Lady Miyako — an enigmatic religious figure and Project survivor — whose temple is a haven for refugees. Tetsuo begins feeding the super-drug to "volunteers." Most die, but a handful develop the Power and become Empire shock troops. The infiltrators are caught and executed by the new psychics, but one operative, Yamada, evades capture.

Kei, Chiyoiko, and Ryu have survived along with Masaru and Kiyoko, but Kaneda is nowhere to be found, assumed lost in the holocaust. Deprived of the super-drug, Masaru and Kiyoko are incapacitated, and Chiyoiko and Kei set out to enlist the aid of Miyako, who gives them the drug and instructs them to return with Masaru and Kiyoko. Meanwhile, Ryu observes Yamada's escape and leaves to investigate. He finds the agent and offers his assistance to Yamada, who makes a beeline for Akira's stronghold. With Ryu gone, Empire spies kidnap Masaru and Kiyoko. Chiyoiko and Kei return to find the children missing, and the two set off after their charges. They catch up to the Empire's soldiers and free Masaru, but Kiyoko's captors escape. Kei sets off for the Temple with Masaru while Chiyoiko, wounded in battle, goes after Kiyoko.

Tetsuo also gives the drug to young women for his pleasure and amusement. They die in agony, all but Kaori, who palms the drug. She becomes Tetsuo's companion and Akira's nanny. Tetsuo has a series of confusing visions, and he realizes his thoughts are being manipulated by Akira. Tetsuo confronts the child, who draws Tetsuo into his mind and teleports him back to his chambers. Tetsuo withdraws in terror, having seen too far into the thoughts of the psychic

colossus. He eventually comes to his senses and decides that Miyako might be of some use to him. He takes more drugs, kicking his power to new heights, and transports across space to Miyako's chamber. Miyako gives him the history of the Project and the revelation that the drug is designed to inhibit his psychic development. Only by going cold turkey will he become all he can — perhaps even a match for Akira. He leaves to contemplate his future.

Chiyoiko recaptures Kiyoko but is trapped and further injured after narrowly escaping one of Tetsuo's newly bred psychics. Facing almost certain capture, the two are rescued by the Colonel, who takes them back to a still-intact facility manned by a scientist stricken with nicotine withdrawal. Kiyoko reveals that Masaru is in Miyako's temple, and the Colonel places her inside a Caretaker robot and begins the arduous journey through the rubble to the temple. He takes with him a special miniature targeting device for the super-laser of SOL.

Tetsuo begins his agonizing withdrawal. Tetsuo's lieutenant, upon discovering that Masaru has reached safety in Miyako's shrine, is unable to get through to his anguished master and takes matters into his own hands by organizing an assault on the temple. Many innocent refugees and monks are killed, but the attack is eventually repelled, partially by the psychic skills of the temple's priests and finally by Kei taking Tetsuo's lieutenant hostage. She eventually lets him go, but he vows to return.

Tetsuo appears to Ryu and Yamada and tells them that he has seen the American fleet not far from shore, ready to attack, but unwilling to get too close due to the power of Akira. Yamada tries to shoot Tetsuo, who easily stops him, and then he disappears as quickly as he appeared.

As the Colonel nears the Temple, a second attack by the Empire begins. Cornered, the Colonel prepares to unleash the power of SOL. Kei, Masaru, Miyako, and her monks retreat to the citadel of the temple as a final stronghold. At that moment, Tetsuo appears, half-mad with pain, demanding drugs from Miyako. As the superlaser of SOL ignites, Tetsuo rises howling into the air, unleashing his power and tossing wrecked skyscrapers about like so many toys. But Tetsuo goes on, transcending time and space, reliving his birth, and eventually arriving at Akira. Tetsuo falls to his knees before his master.

And in the vast wasteland of ruined Neo-Tokyo, Kaneda suddenly appears...



KANEDA



TETSUO



KEI



RYU



THE COLONEL



MASARU



KIYOKO



TETSUO'S AIDE



CHIYOIKO



LADY MIYAKO



KAORI



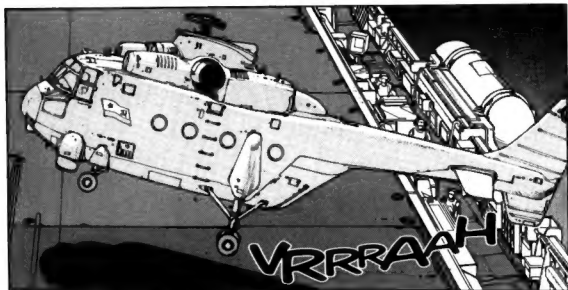
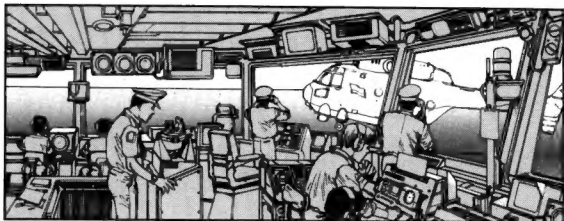
AKIRA

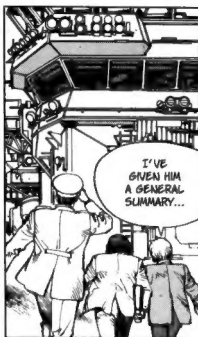
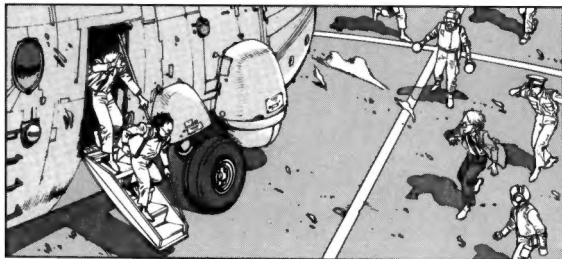


AKIRA













THE PRESIDENT
HAS BEEN INFORMED
OF YOUR COUNTRY'S
DECISION TO WITHDRAW
HER FORCES...

...TO THE BOUNDARIES
DICTATED BY THE PROVISIONS
OF THE 2000 ACCORD. I
APPLAUD YOUR WISE AND
COURAGEOUS DECISION
TO JOIN US HERE.



I APPRECIATE THAT. I
AM NOT A SOLDIER, BUT
IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
THIS CONFLICT HAS
GROWN...

...OUT OF MISTRUST
AND MISUNDER-
STANDING ON BOTH
SIDES. SOMEONE
MUST BE WILLING
TO TAKE THE
FIRST STEP.



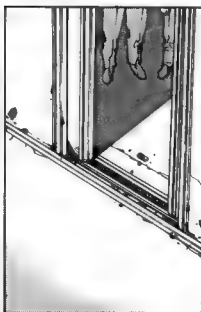
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TO THIS JOINT RUSSIAN-
AMERICAN APPROACH
FOR THE SOLUTION
TO THIS CRISIS.

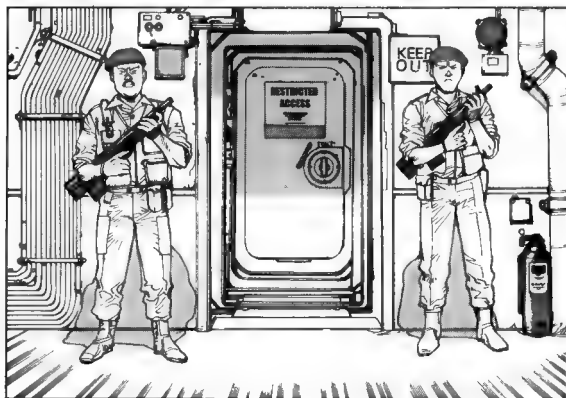
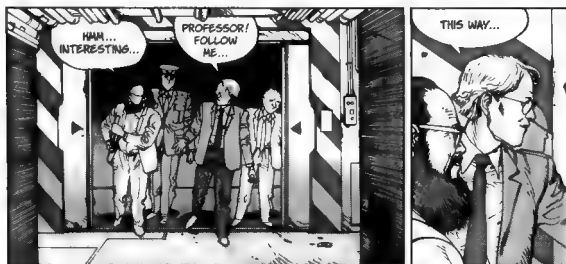


I REALIZE THE PROFESSOR IS
PROBABLY TIRED FROM HIS LONG
JOURNEY, BUT I'D LIKE TO SHOW
HIM THE LABORATORY AND
INTRODUCE HIM TO
OUR STAFF.

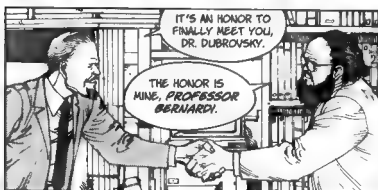
I WOULD LIKE
THAT. WE MUST
BEGIN OPERATIONS
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

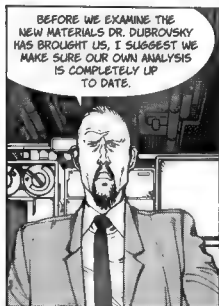
I HOPE YOU'LL
FIND EVERYTHING SHIP-
SHAPE. LET ME KNOW IF
THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE
YOU THINK YOU'LL
NEED.

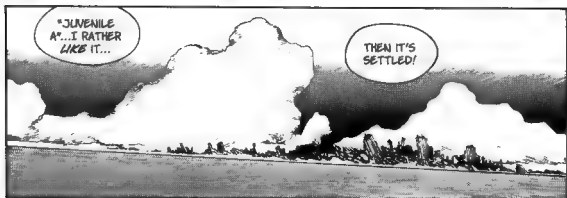
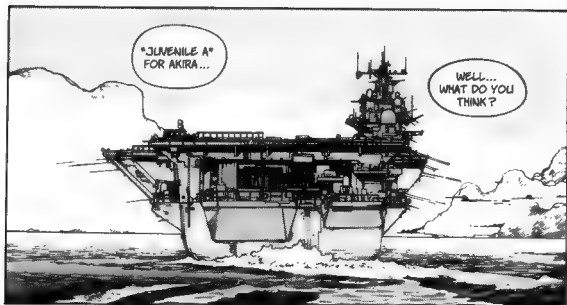


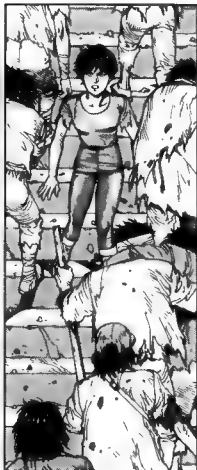


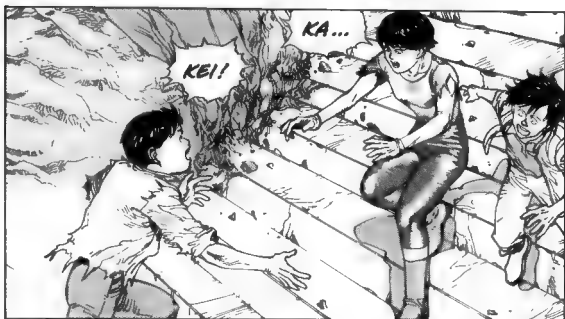
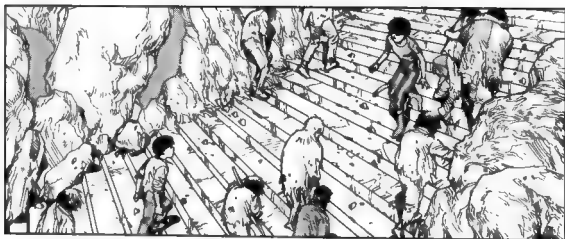


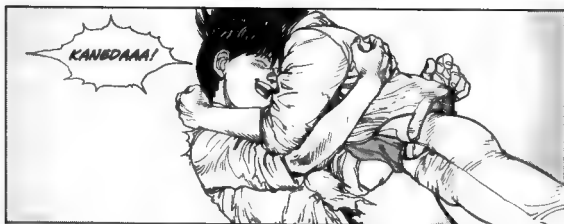


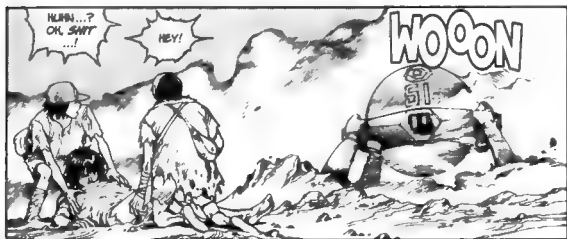


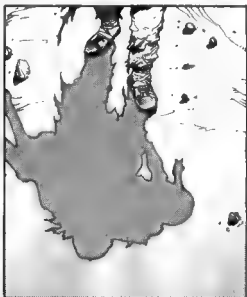










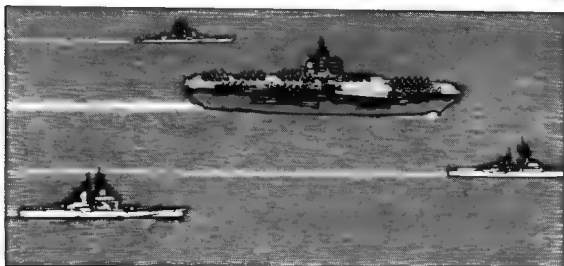
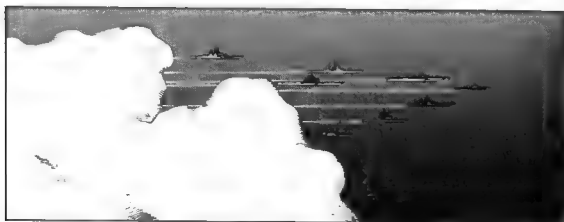
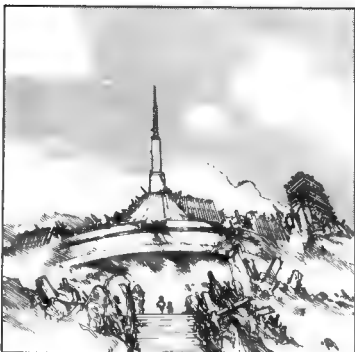


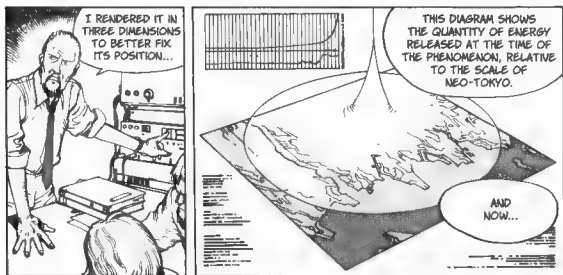
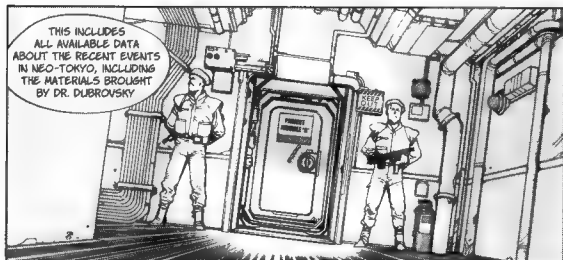


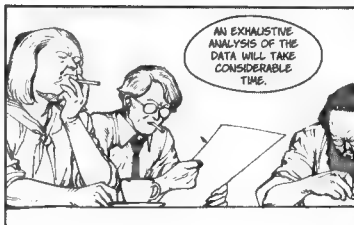
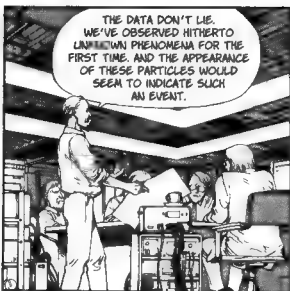
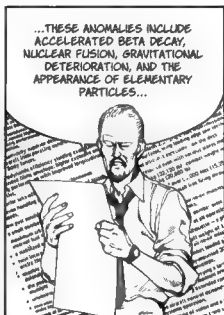


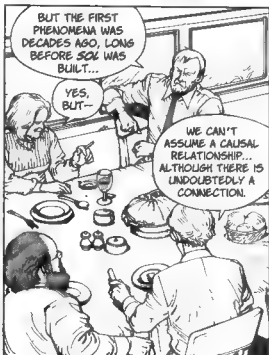
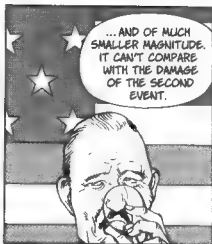
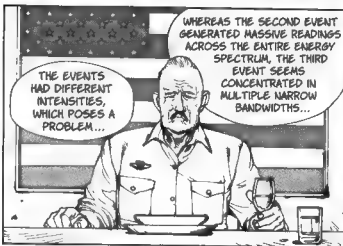
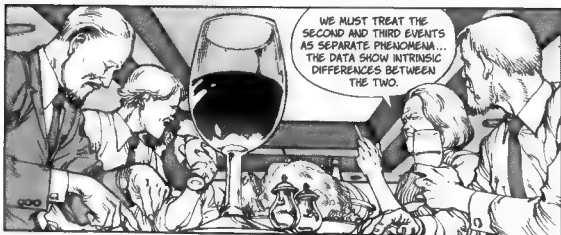


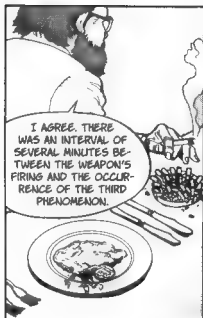








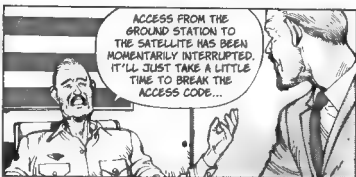




I AGREE. THERE WAS AN INTERVAL OF SEVERAL MINUTES BETWEEN THE WEAPON'S FIRING AND THE OCCURRENCE OF THE THIRD PHENOMENON.



BY THE WAY, ADMIRAL, WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF SOL?



ACCESS FROM THE GROUND STATION TO THE SATELLITE HAS BEEN MOMENTARILY INTERRUPTED. IT'LL JUST TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO BREAK THE ACCESS CODE...



I THINK WE'RE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE SOURCE OF THE THIRD EVENT WAS NOT AKIRA.



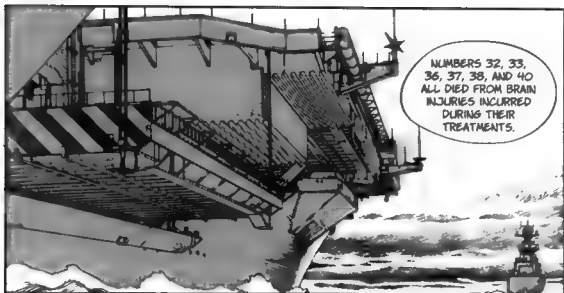
BUT ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE REST OF THE CHILDREN IN THE ZO SERIES WERE HARMLESS.



JORRIS, ARE YOU SUGGESTING THIS WAS NOT A SECOND-GENERATION SUBJECT...?



RECORDS INDICATE THAT NUMBERS WERE REGISTERED ALL THE WAY UP TO 41...



NUMBERS 32, 33,
36, 37, 38, AND 40
ALL DIED FROM BRAIN
INJURIES INCURRED
DURING THEIR
TREATMENTS.



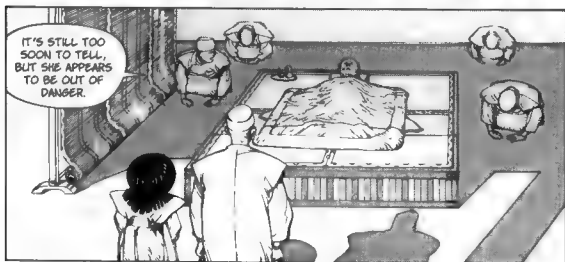
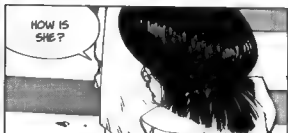
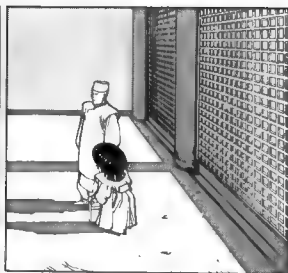
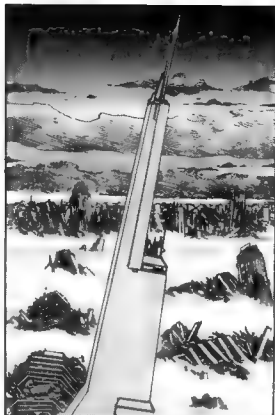
...NUMBERS 34, 35,
AND 39 WERE STILL IN
THE SECRET LAB AT THE
TIME OF THE SECOND
PHENOMENON. WITH
THE COLLAPSE OF
NEO-TOKYO, THEY ARE
LISTED AS MISSING.



NUMBER
41 IS REPORTED
TO HAVE ESCAPED
ON APRIL 16,
2030...

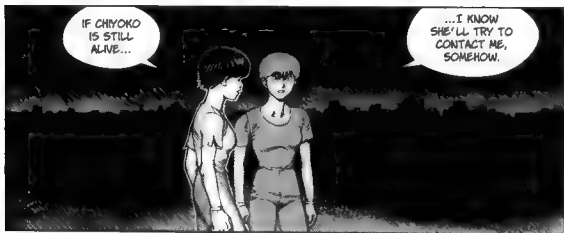
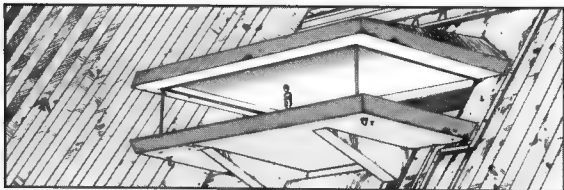


...THE SAME DAY THE
SOL LASER CANNON WAS
FIRED AT THE COMPLEX
WHERE AKIRA WAS
BEING HELD.











LOOKS
LIKE I'VE
PUT MY
FINGER
ON IT...



YOU FIRED THE
SPACE LASER,
DIDN'T YOU?



TALK! THERE'S
NO ONE WHO
CAN HEAR
US.

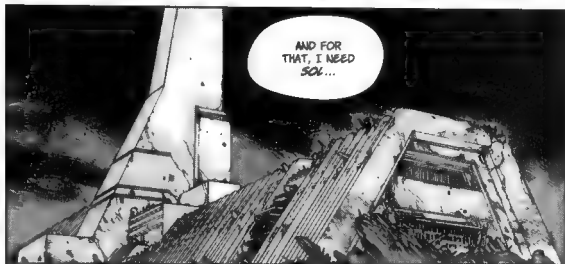
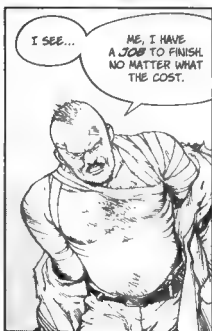


LOOK...I
DON'T CARE
ABOUT THE
SATELLITE.

ALL I WANT
IS TO FIND
CHIYOKO.

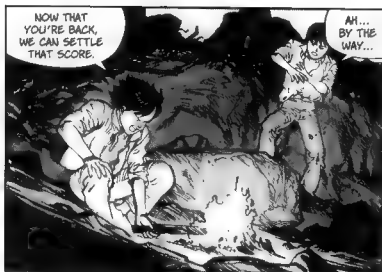


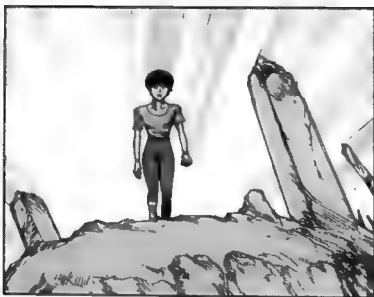
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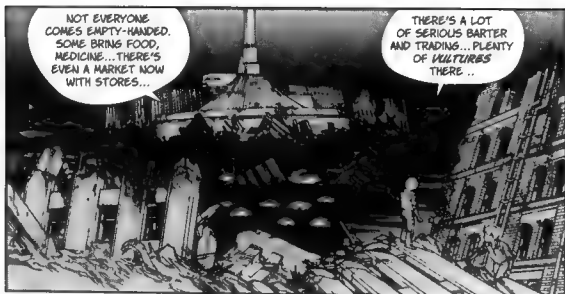


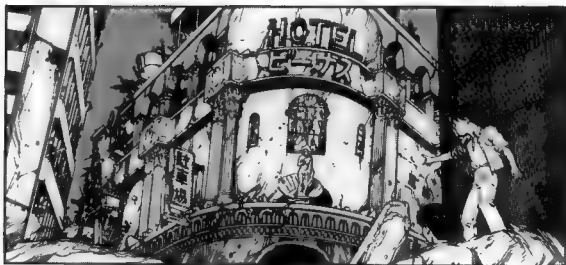


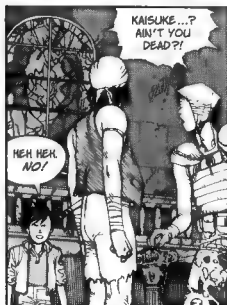
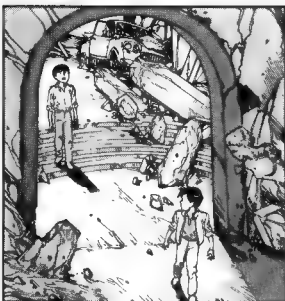


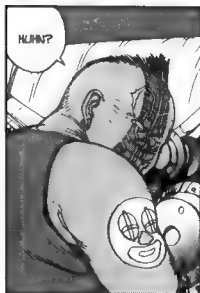










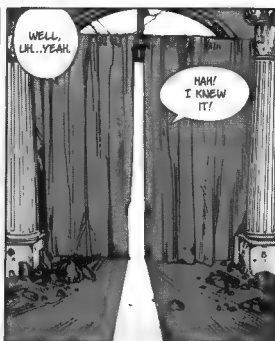


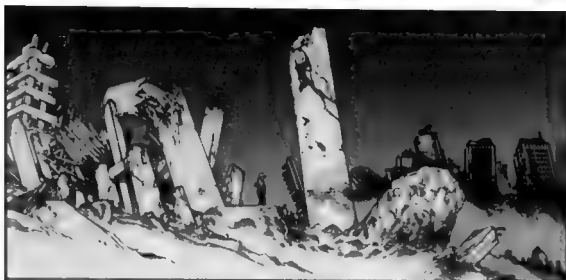
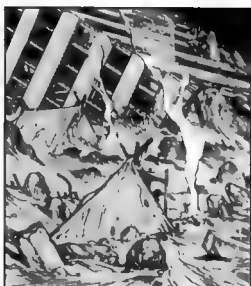
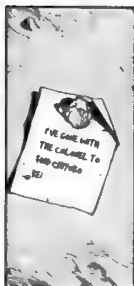
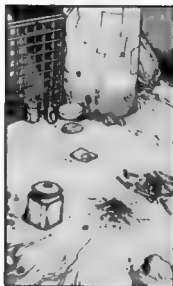


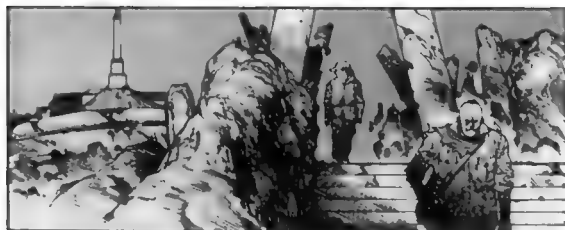
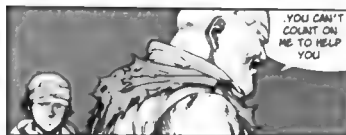
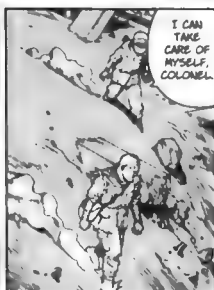
...BUT NOW, GUYS LIKE US HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER, Y'KNOW?

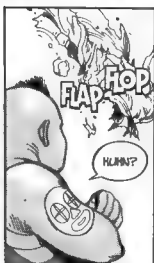


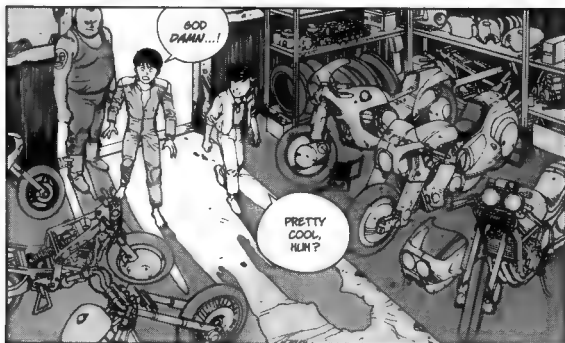
HELL YEAH, TETSUO!

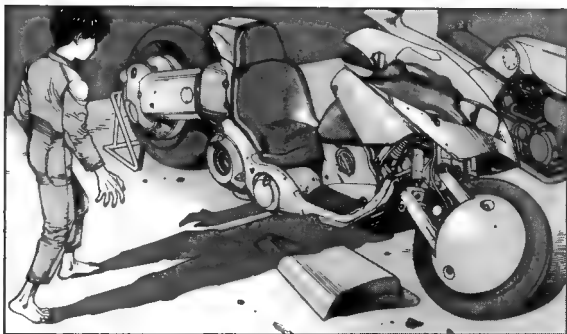


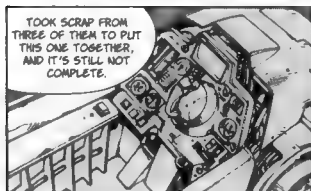
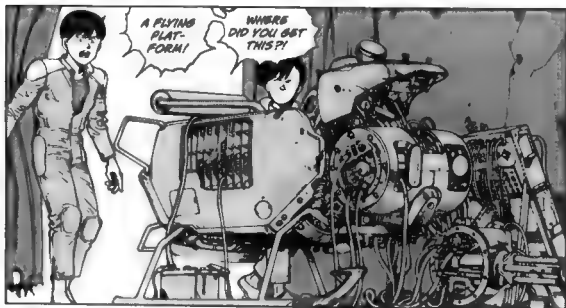


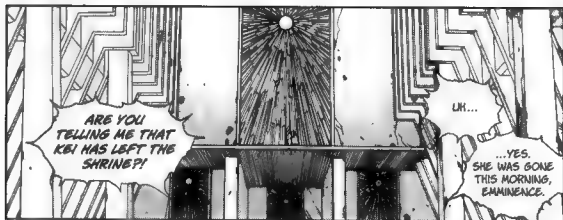






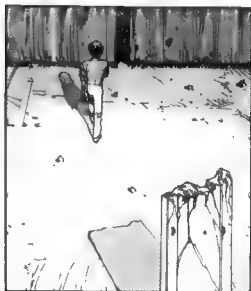
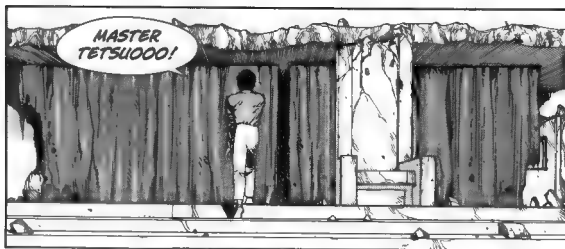




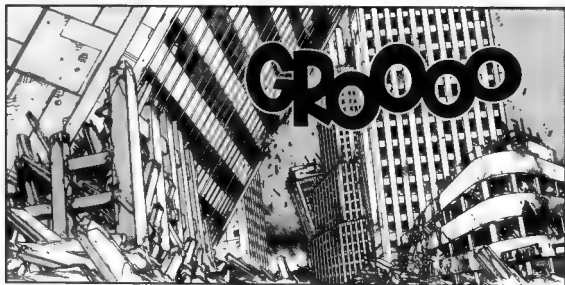


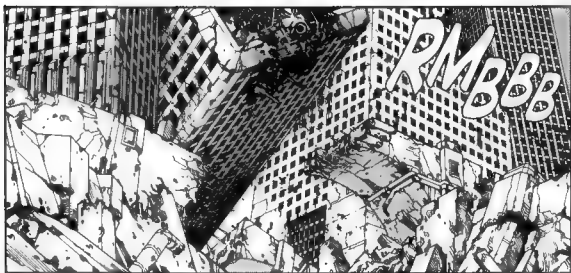
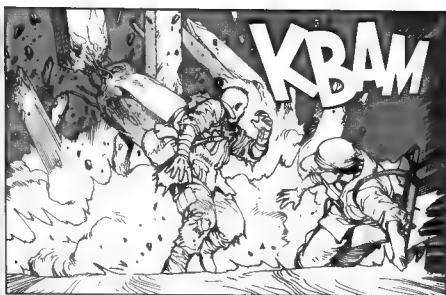






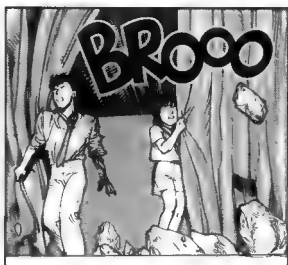
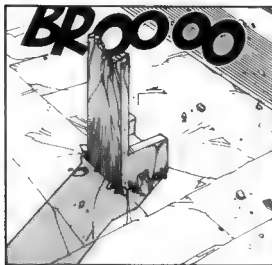


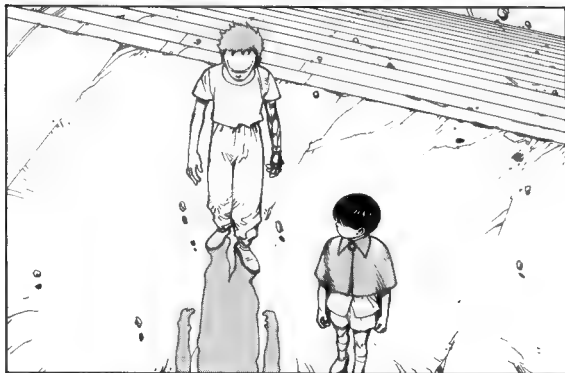






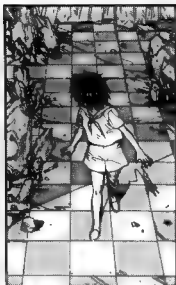


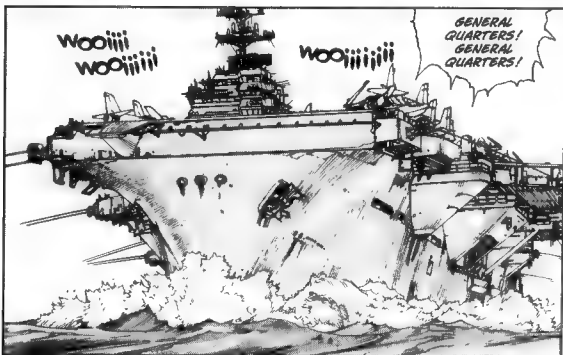
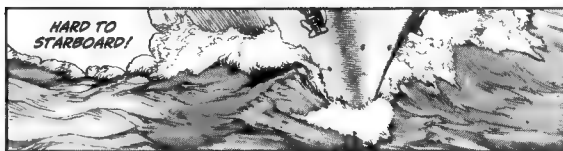


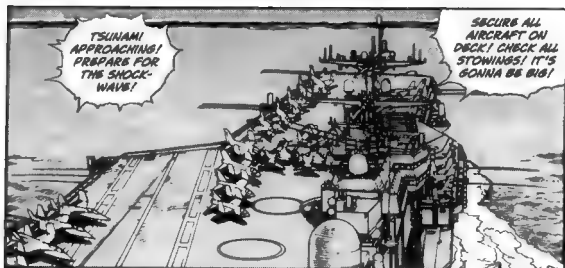




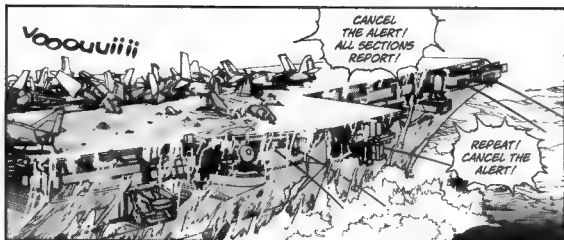


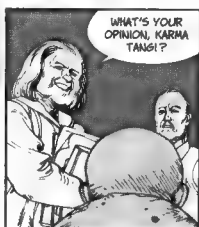
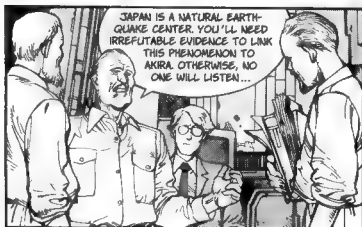
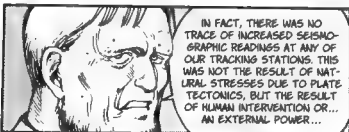
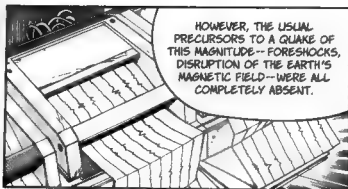


















THEY ARE PASSING
OUT OF THE EIGHTH
DISTRICT AND ARE
ABOUT TO INVADE
OUR TERRITORY!

TAKE UP ARMS, MY
BROTHERS! WITH ALL THE
POWER OF THE GREAT
TOKYO EMPIRE PROTECTING
US, WE HAVE NOTHING
TO FEAR!



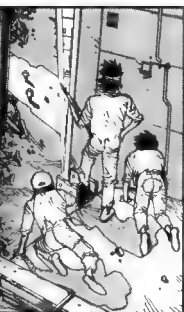
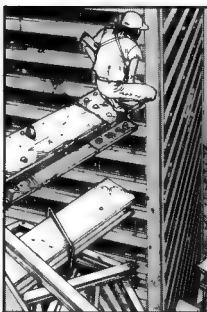
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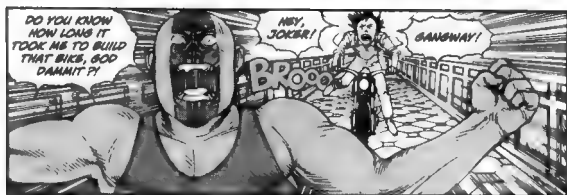


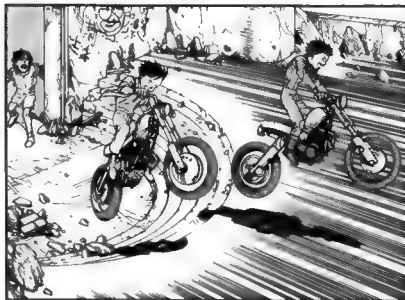
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I'M FINE...

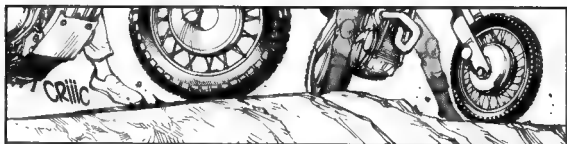


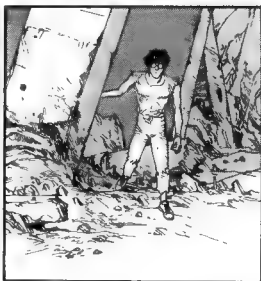
WE'RE
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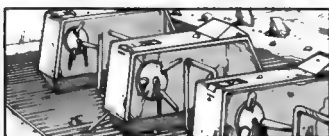


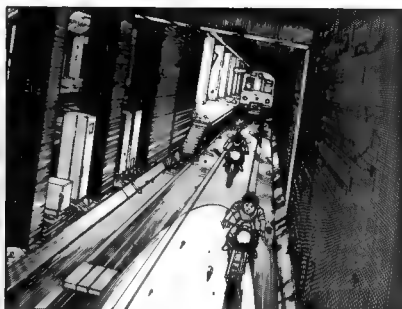
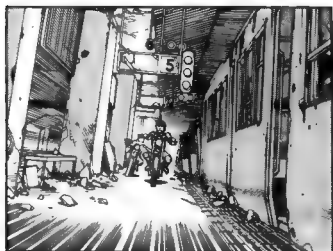
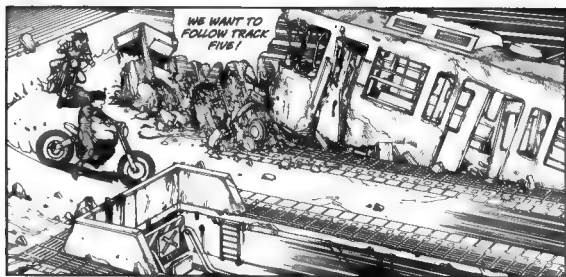




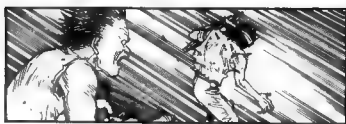


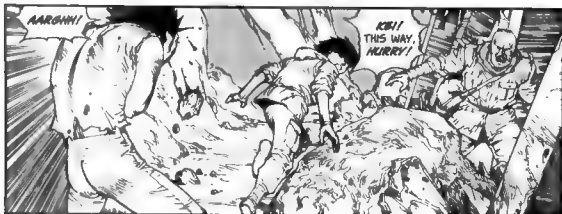


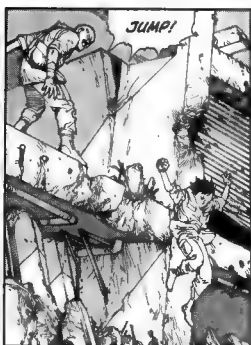


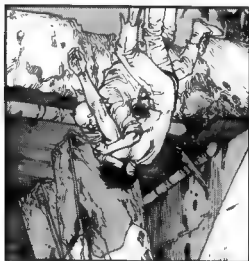


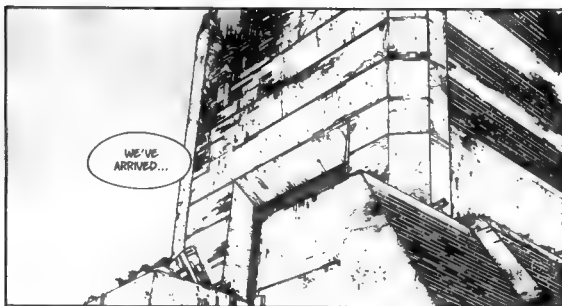




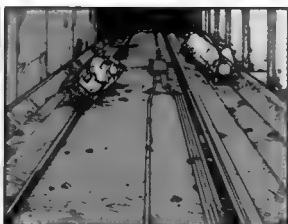
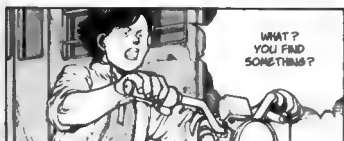




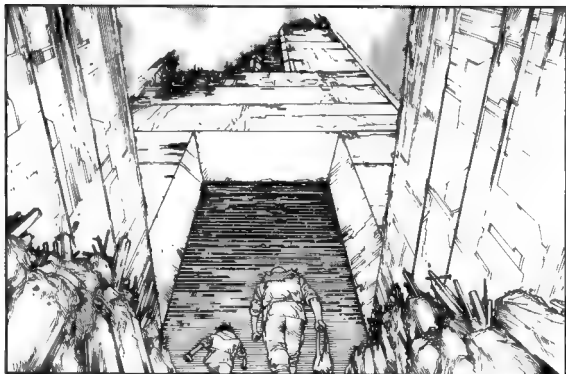
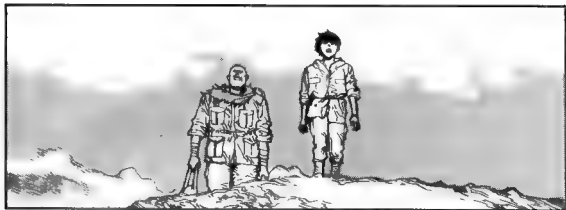


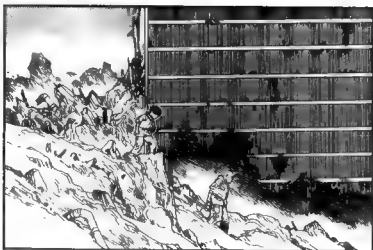




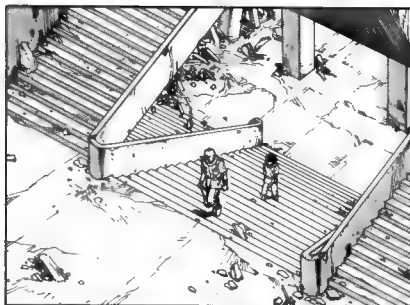


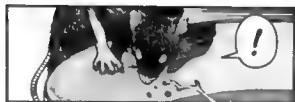


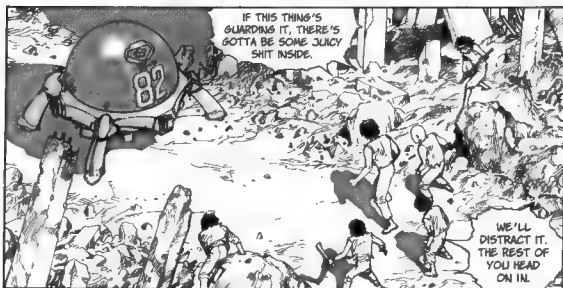


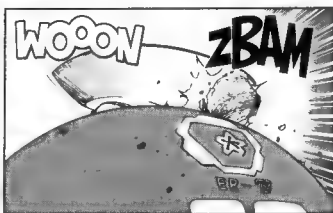






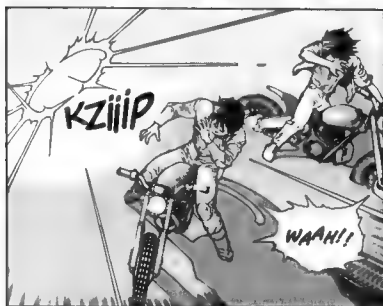
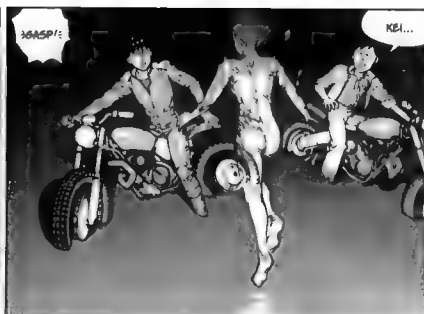




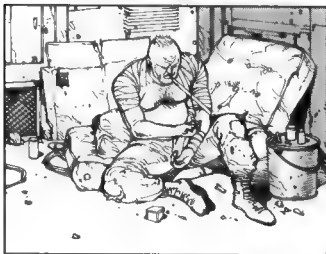


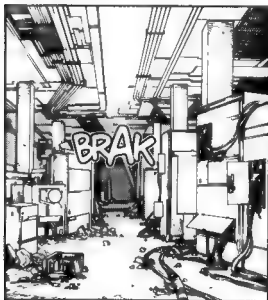


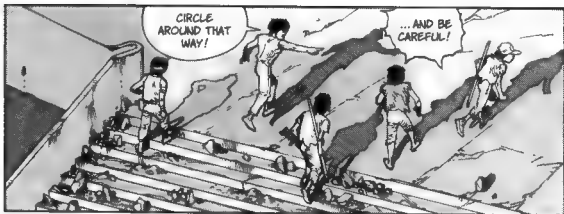


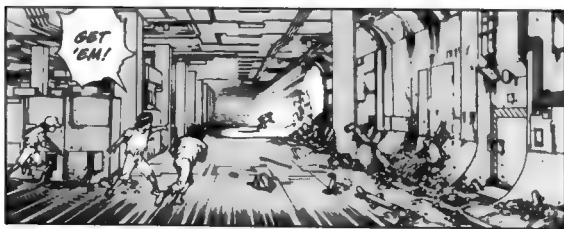






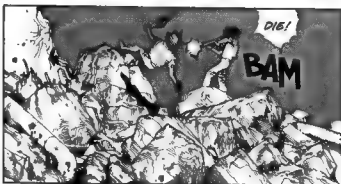


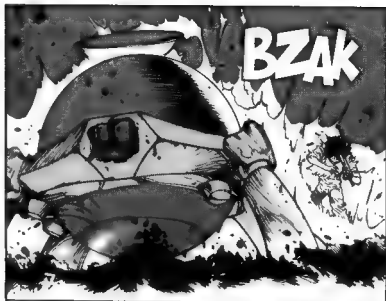


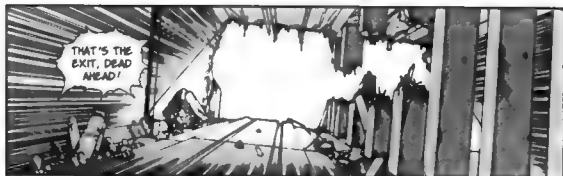




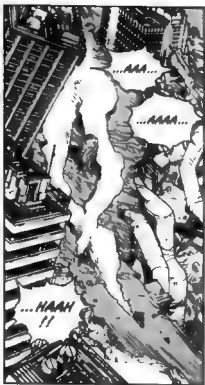
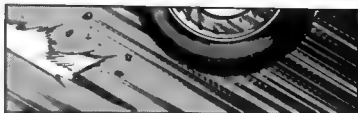
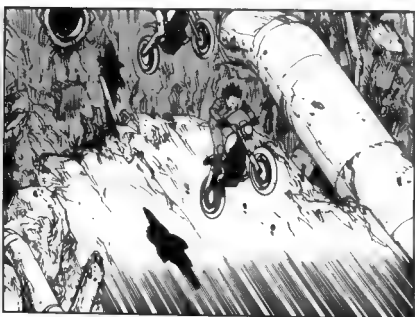


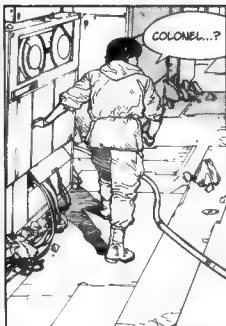


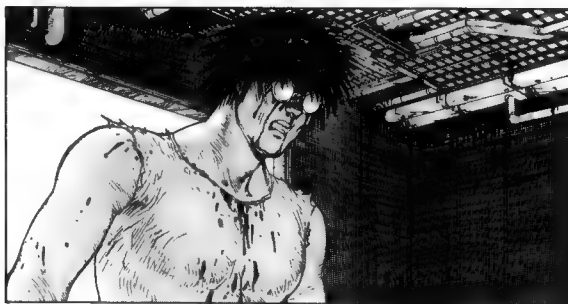
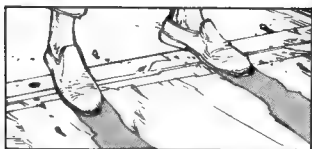
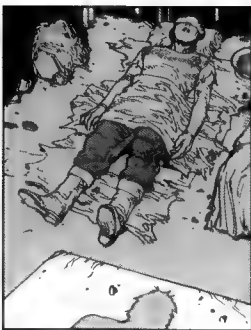




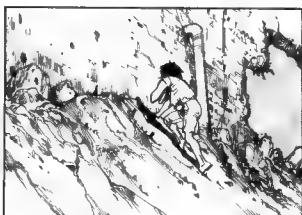




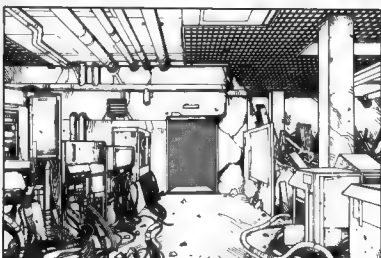


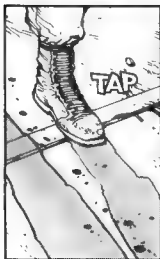


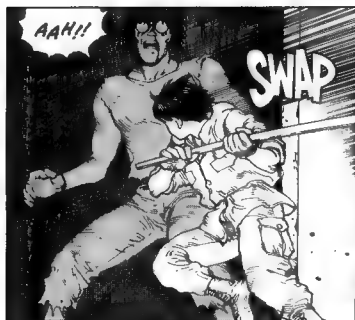






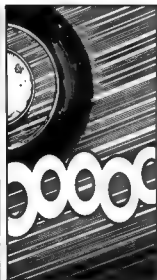
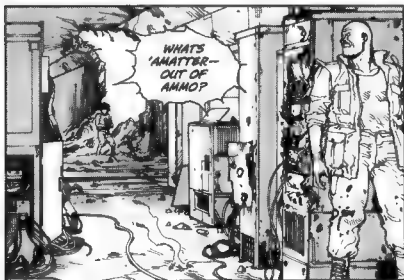


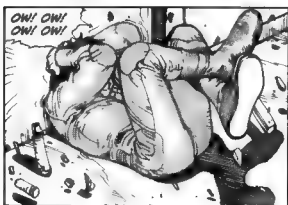


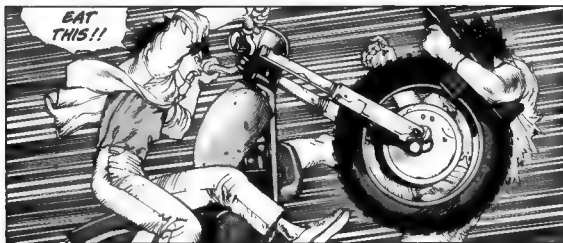


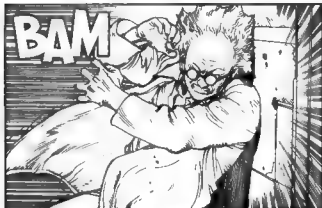


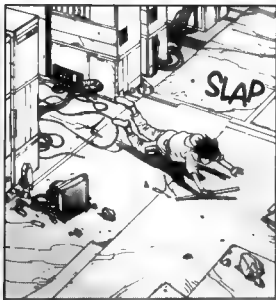








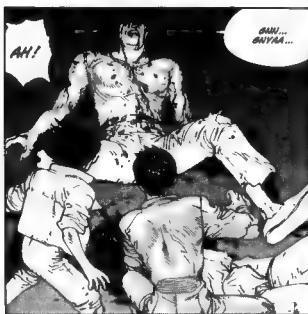


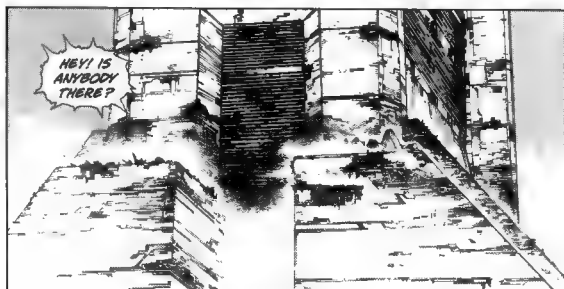
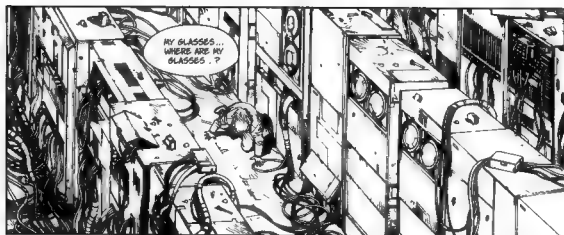


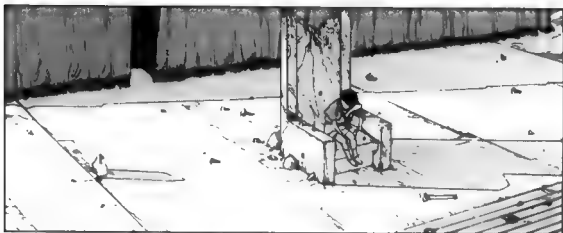
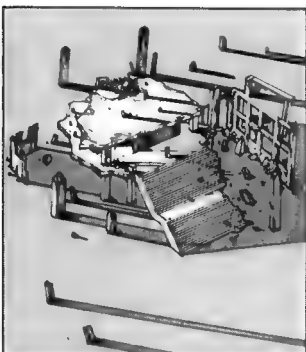


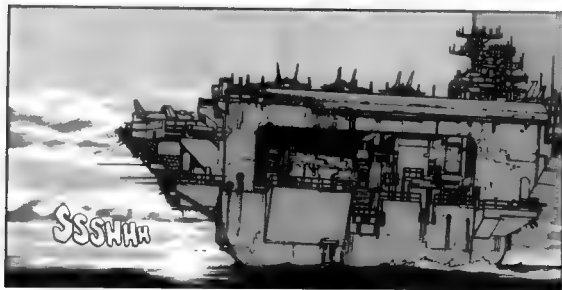
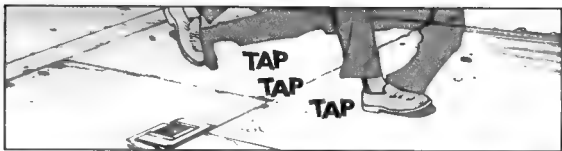
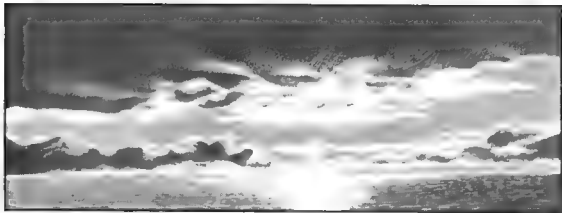














THE SPECIAL OPS
TEAM, YOU MEAN?
WELL...

...IT'S TRUE.
THEY ARRIVE
TONIGHT.

BUT AS TO WHETHER
THEIR MISSION IS
ASSASSINATION
OR NOT...

...DEPENDS ON
YOUR REPORT.

WE'LL
STUDY IT...

...EXCHANGE OPINIONS
WITH WORLD LEADERS,
ARRIVE AT A **CONSENSUS**,
SIGN SOME
TREATIES...

...AND IMPLEMENT.
OR PERHAPS...
IMPLEMENTATION
COMES FIRST.

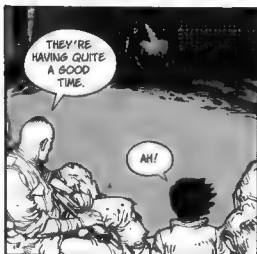
EITHER WAY...IF WE WAIT FOR A
DECISION BEFORE WE GET OUR
PIECES INTO PLACE, WE'LL RUN
OUT OF TIME...SO...**FRONT**
LINE DEPLOYMENT,
SHALL WE SAY...

AND JUST HOW FAR
UP YOUR "CHAIN OF
COMMAND" WILL OUR
REPORT GO...?

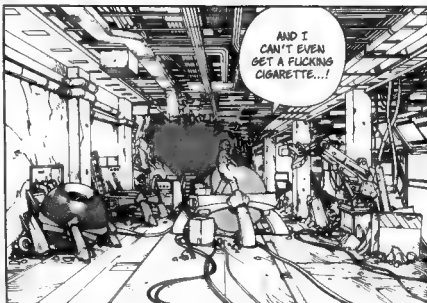
OH, IT'S TOP
PRIORITY. OF
COURSE.

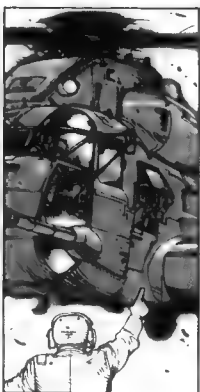
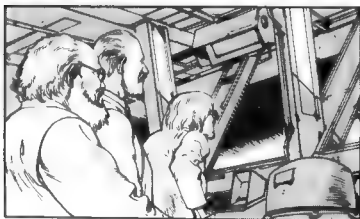
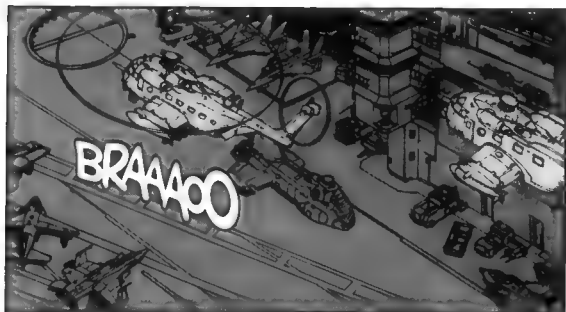
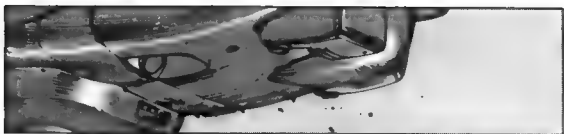


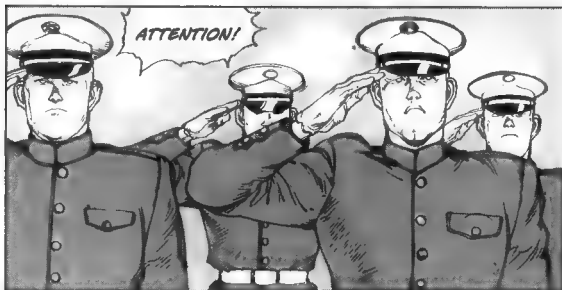
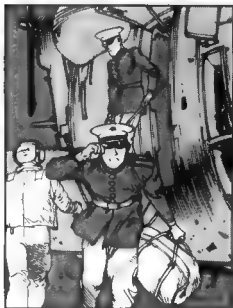
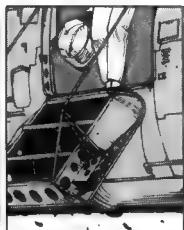


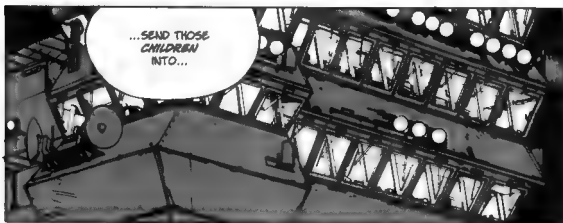


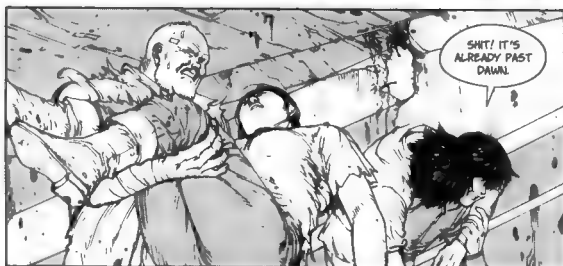


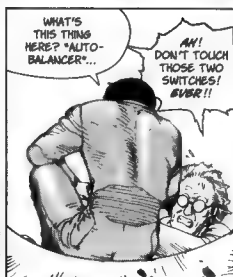
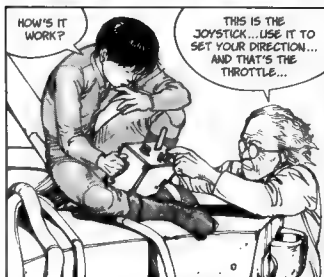
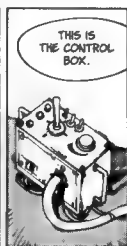




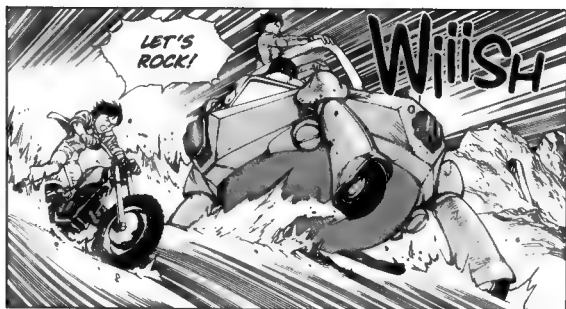


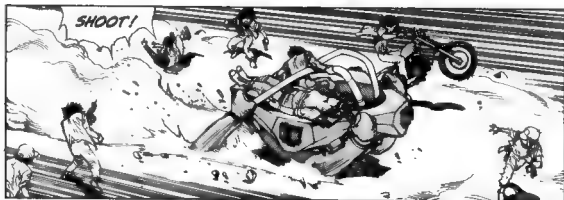


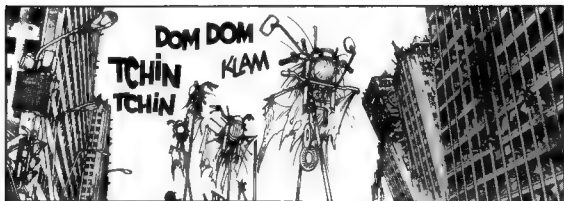


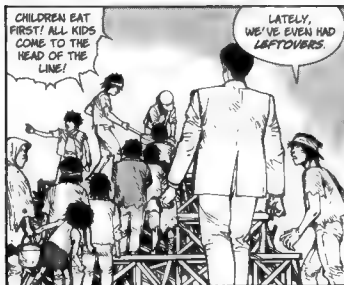


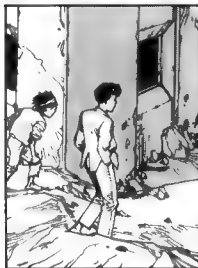


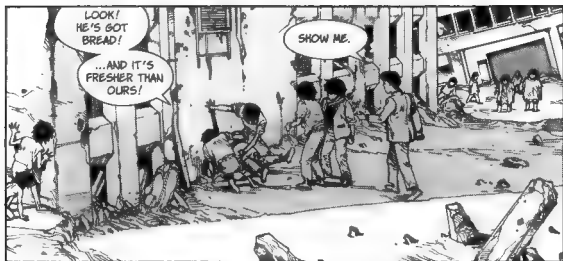


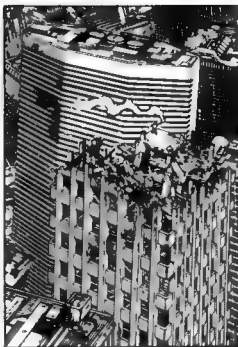




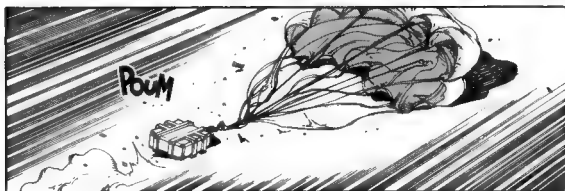
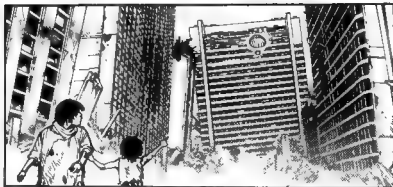
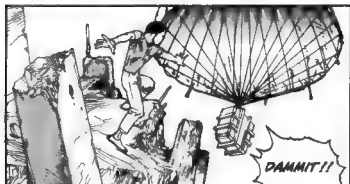


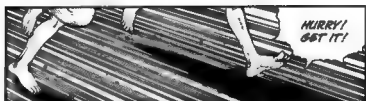


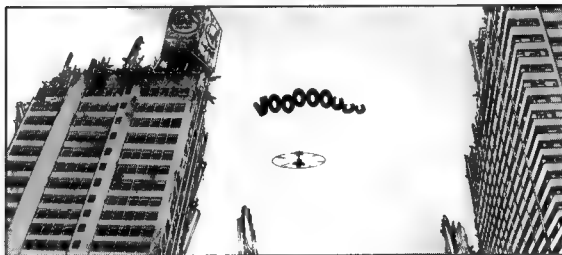
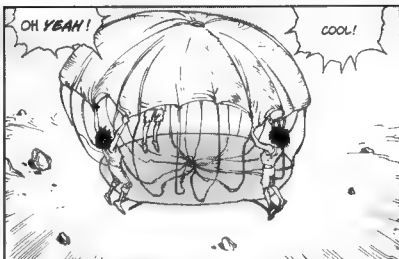


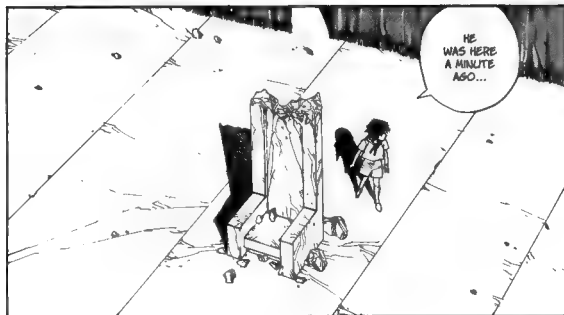
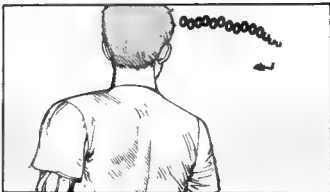
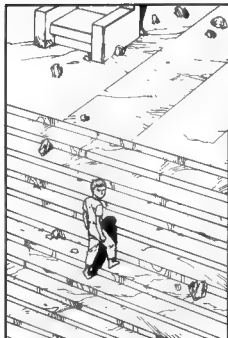


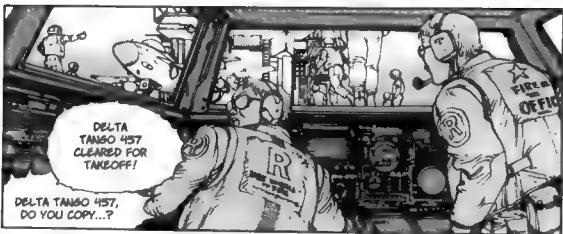
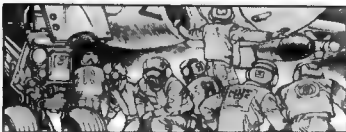
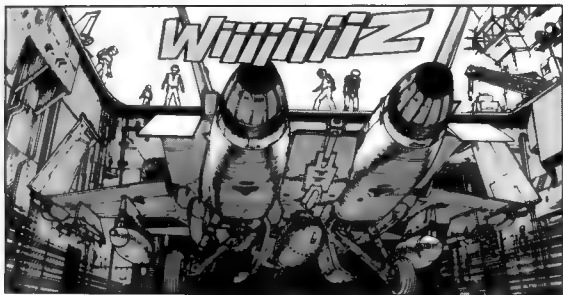


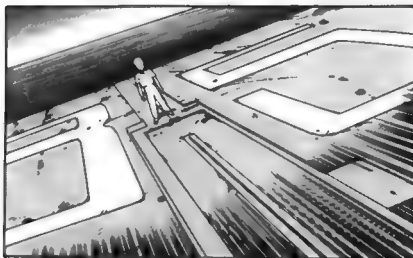
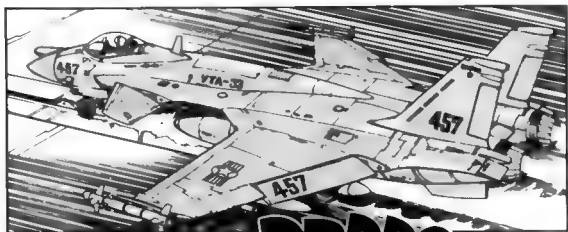
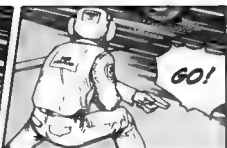


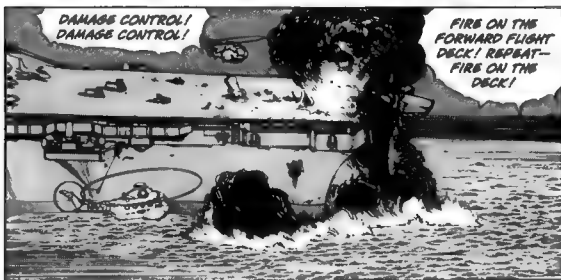
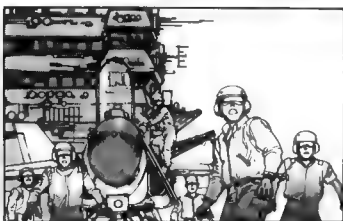
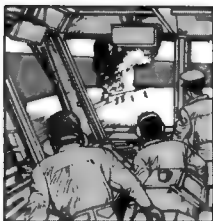




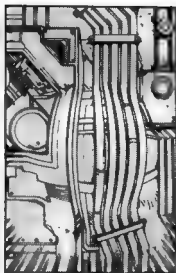


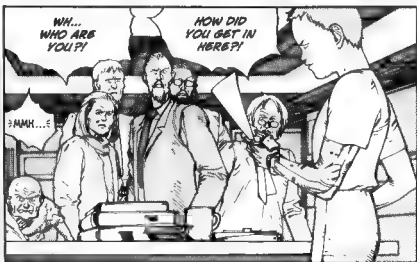
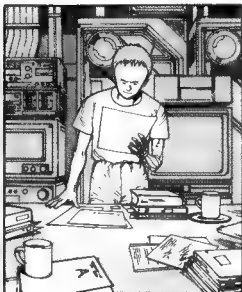


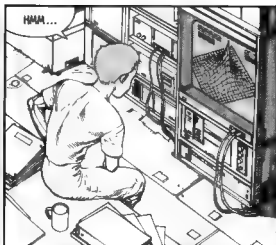
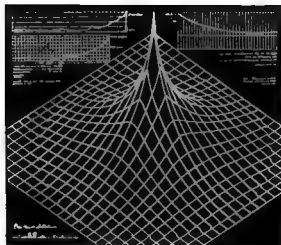












THAT'S A 3D
GRAPH OF THE THIRD
PHENOMENON...



...WHICH WAS OF
SMALLER MAGNITUDE
THAN THE SECOND.

IT COULD
HAVE BEEN
CAUSED BY
AKIRA...

...BUT IT COULD
HAVE BEEN SOME-
ONE ELSE... PERHAPS
YOU, NUMBER
41...



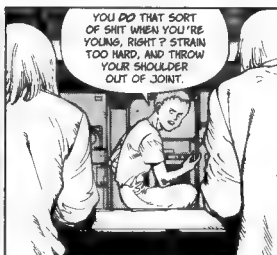
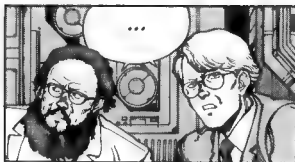
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BY STUDYING
AKIRA?

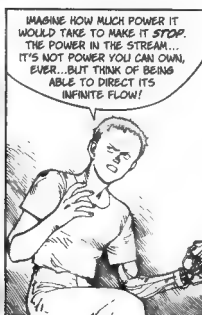


HE...
HE'S USING
TELEPATHY!



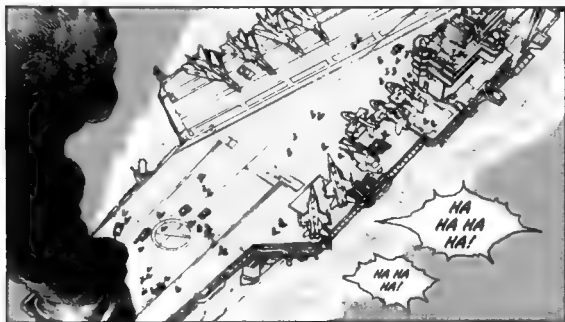
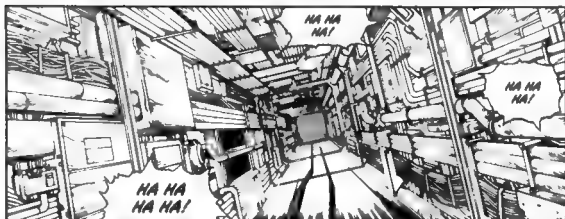
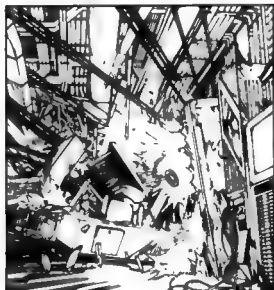
MAYBE YOU WANT TO FIND A NON-
POLLUTING SOURCE OF POWER TO
CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE? OR
MAYBE YOU JUST WANT ANOTHER
BOMB TO THREATEN THE REST
OF THE WORLD...

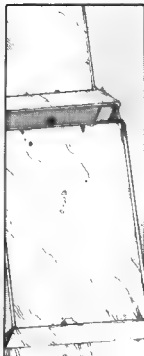
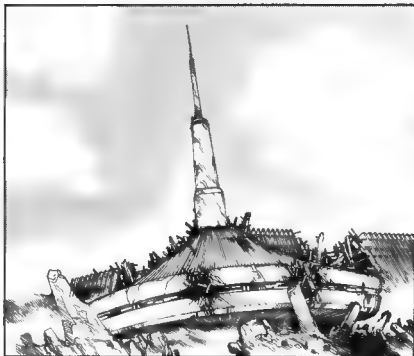




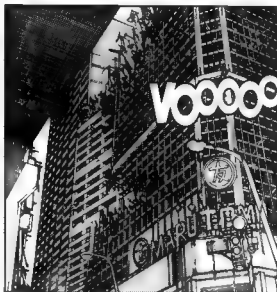


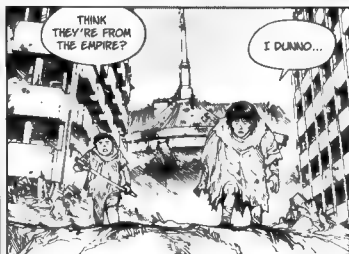
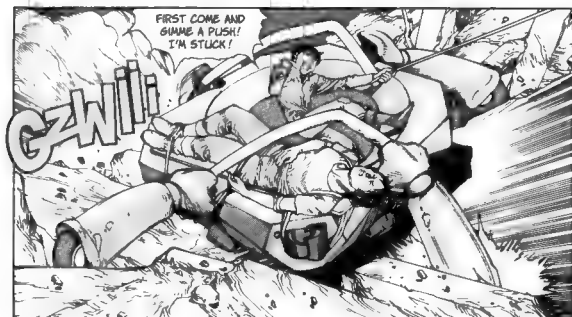


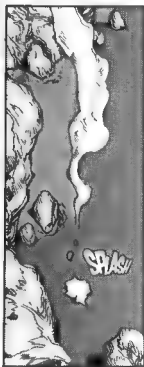
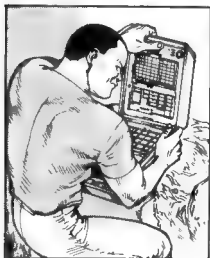


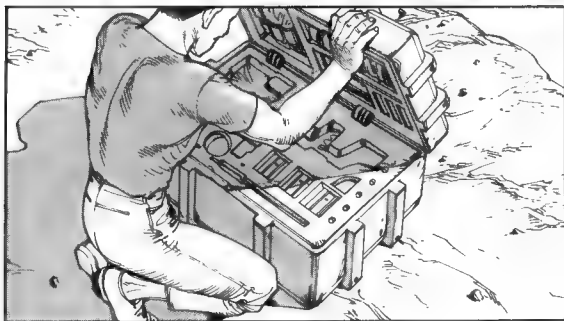


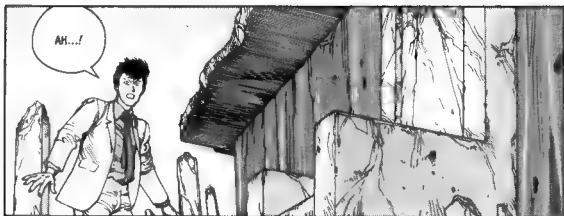
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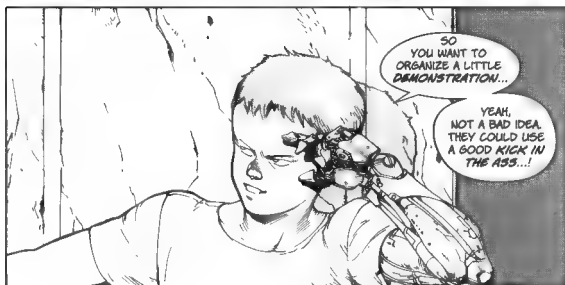
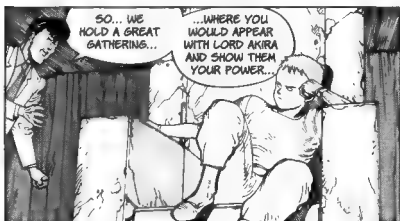


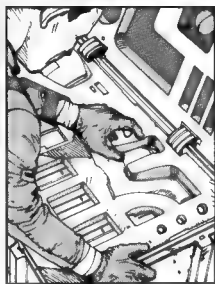
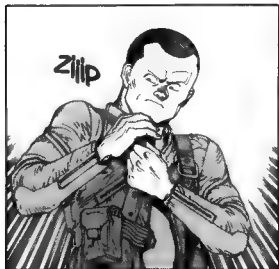










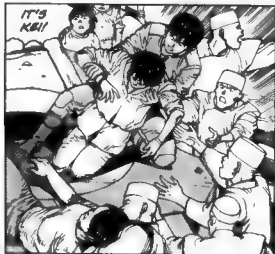
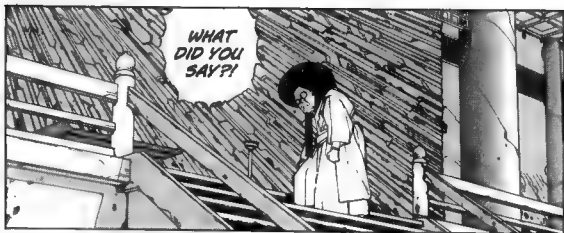


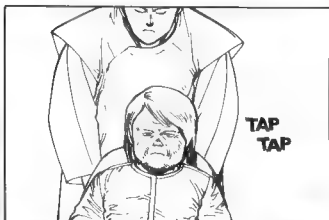
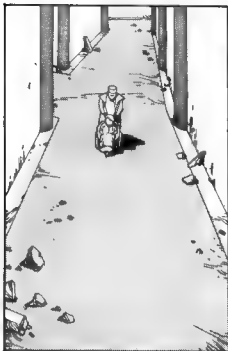




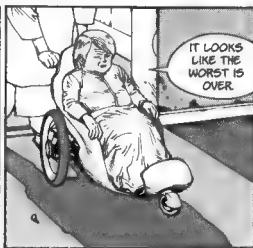
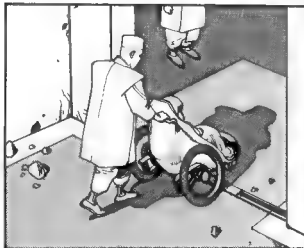
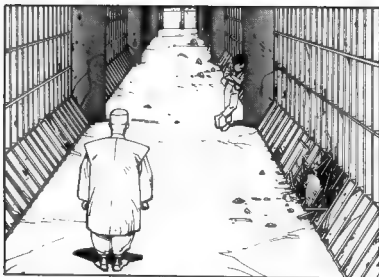


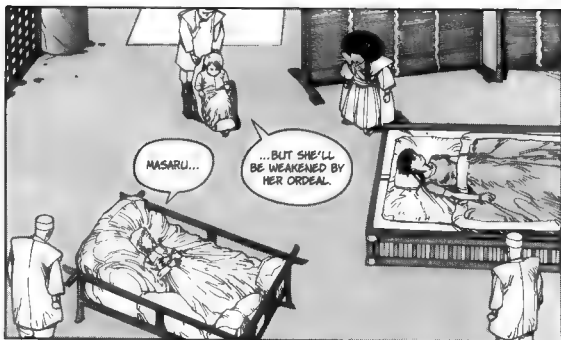


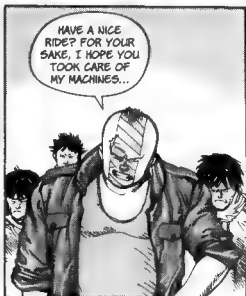
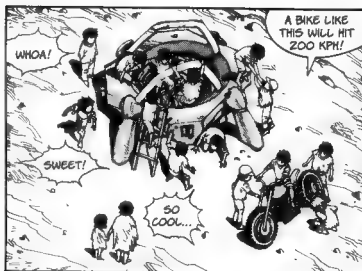


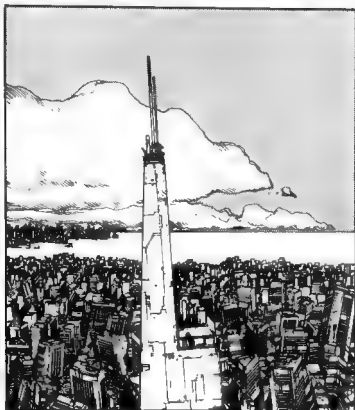
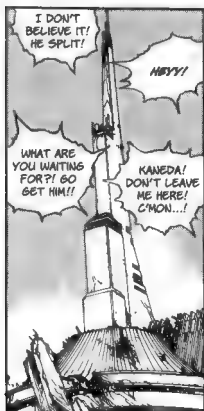


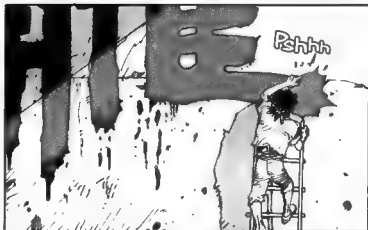




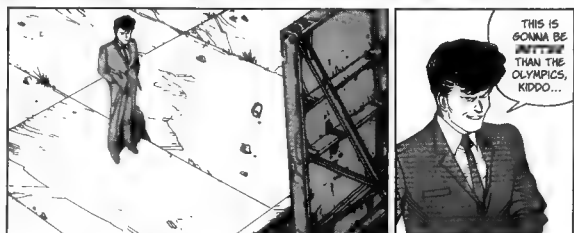
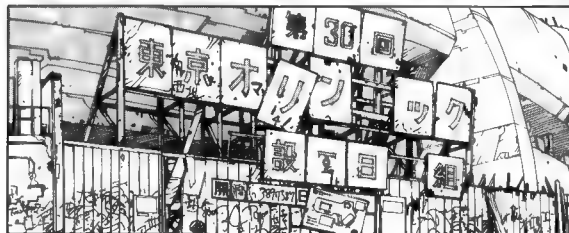
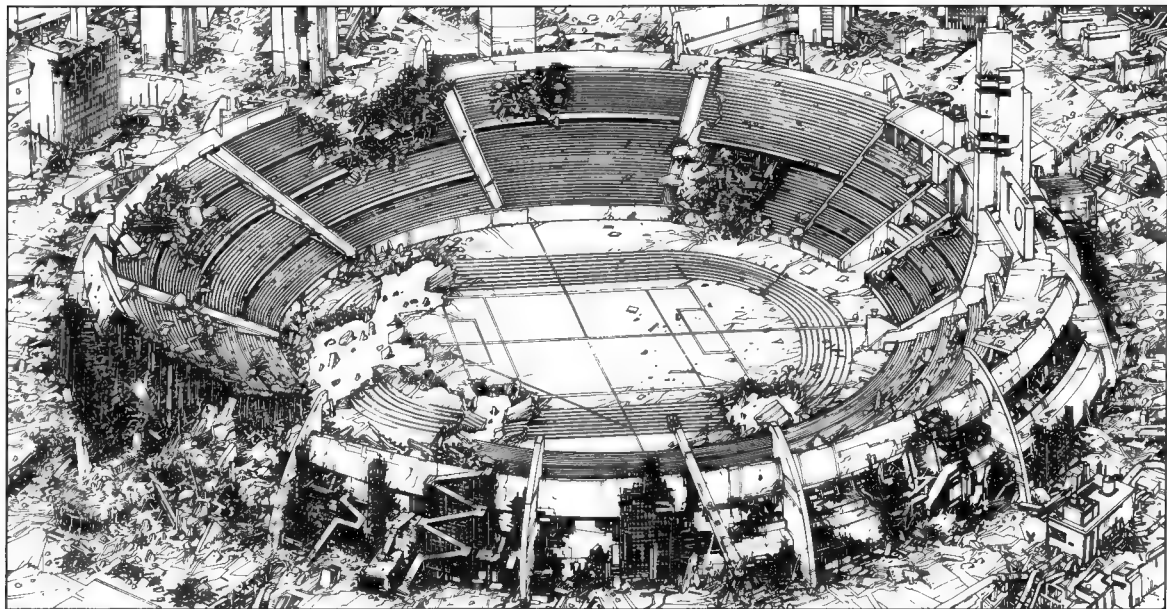


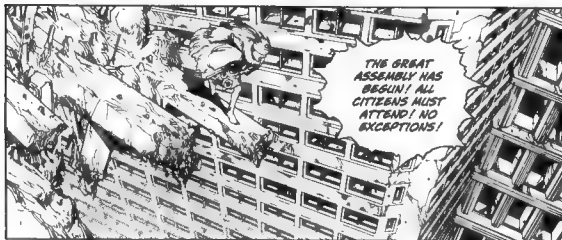




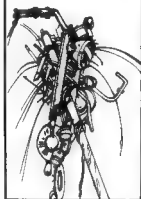








DO NOT BE MISLED
BY THE SEDUCTIVE
LIES OF MIYAKO,
SWORN ENEMY OF
OUR EMPIRE!



LET US
UNITE UNDER
THE SAME
BANNER...!

...LET US
SHOW OUR
LOYALTY TO OUR
GREAT LORD
AKIRA.



THE FIGHT
CONTINUES!
WE HAVE
NO OTHER
CHOICE!



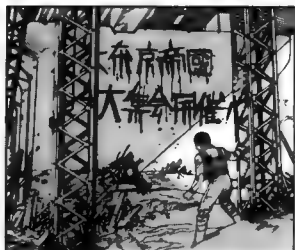
PROVE YOUR RESPECT
AND YOUR TOTAL
DEVOTION--INCLUDING
YOU, YOU DIRTY
LITTLE SHIT!

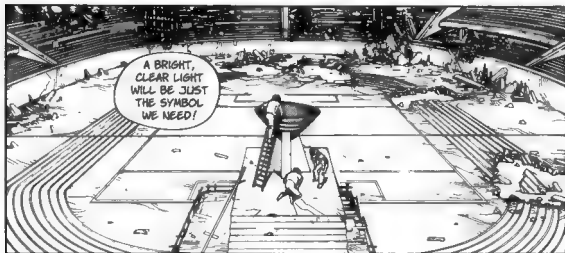


THOSE WHO
CAN WORK,
HELP WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION!

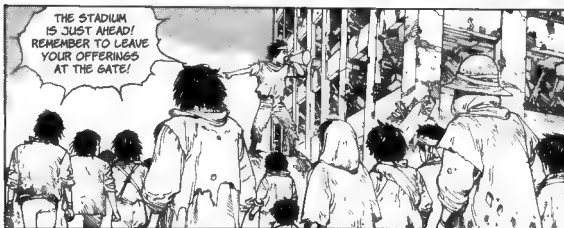
THOSE WHO
CAN SPEAK,
GO OUT AND
SPREAD THE
WORD!

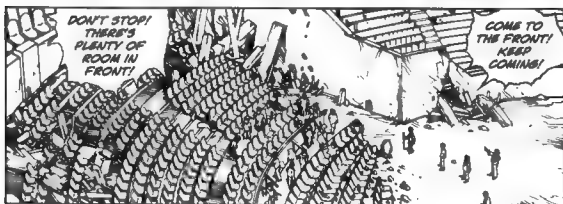
ALL MUST
PARTICIPATE!
WITH EVERYONE'S
ASSISTANCE, WE
CANNOT FAIL!

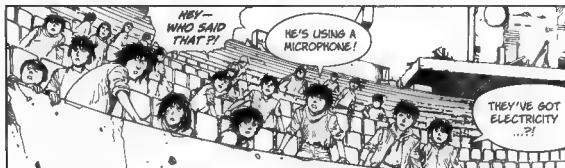
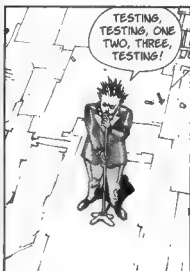




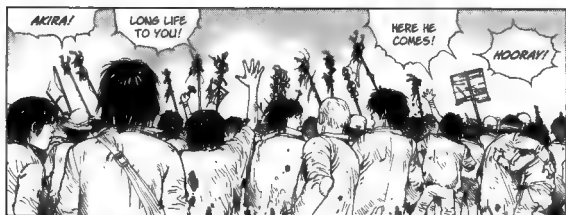


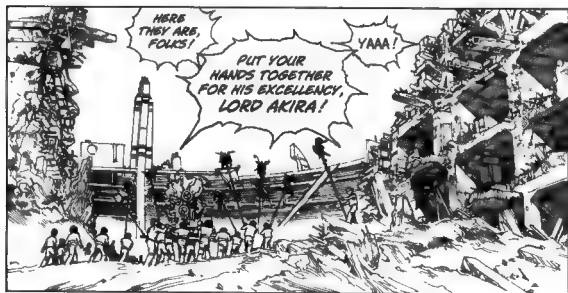


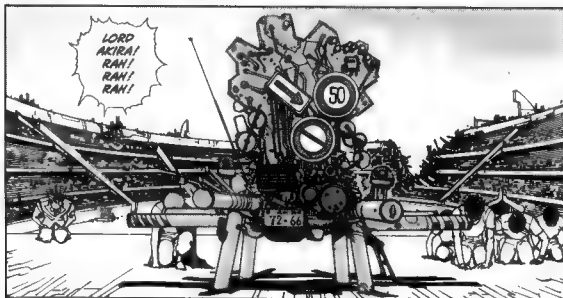




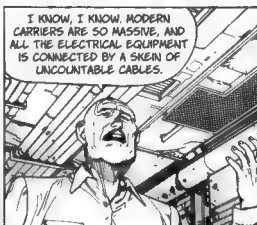
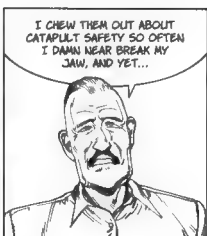


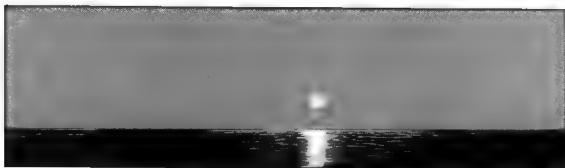
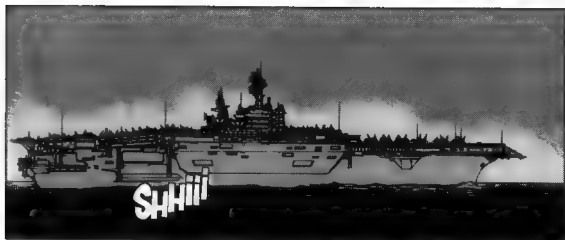
















GET YOUR FOOD HERE!
GOOD, NOT FOOD, PLENTY
FOR EVERYONE!

STOP THIS
MASSACRE!
HAVE PITY!



THE MASTER HEALED MY
WOUNDS... AND SHOWERED
ME WITH FOOD...!

YOU
SUCK!

PLAY
SOME
MUSIC!

THIS IS
SHIT!



THEN ONE DAY
AKIRA CAME...

AND HE
TOOK AWAY
MY PAIN...



AKIRA IS
GREAT! HE'S
INSIDE US
ALL...



YEAH!
HE'S THE
MASTER,
AKIRAAA....!



...LORD AKIRA, I LOVE YOUUU...
GUIDE ME AS ONLY YOU CAN DOOO...!

GLORY TO
LORD AKIRA!

DROP DEAD,
LOSERS!

GET OFF! YOU'RE
PATHETIC!

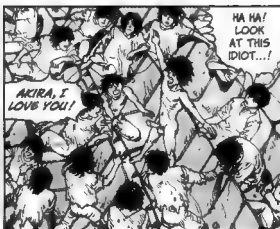
LONG
LIVE
AKIRA!

BOOO!

THANK YOU,
LORD!

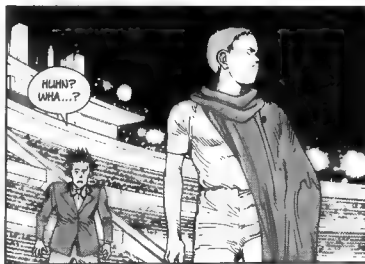
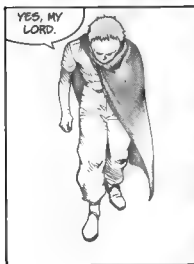
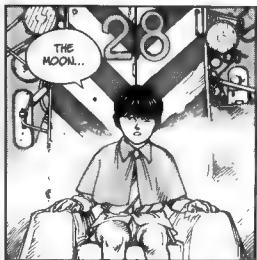
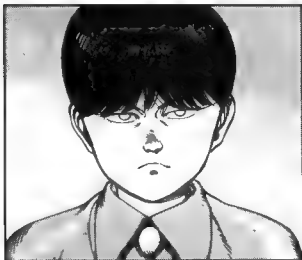
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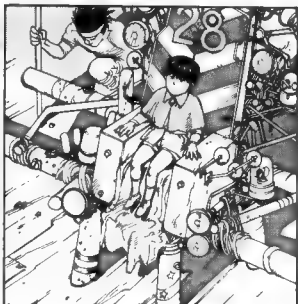
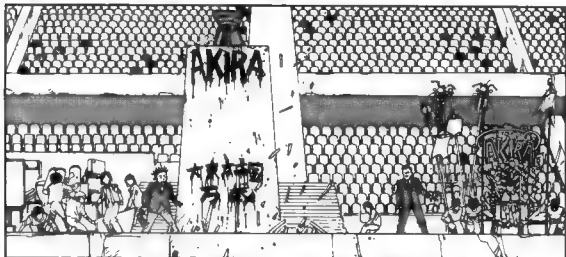
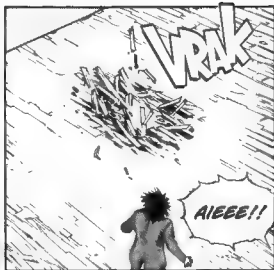


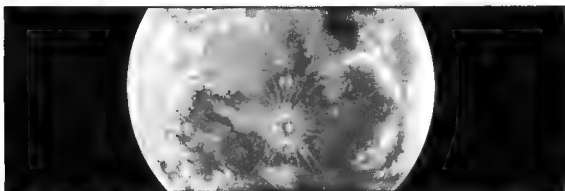
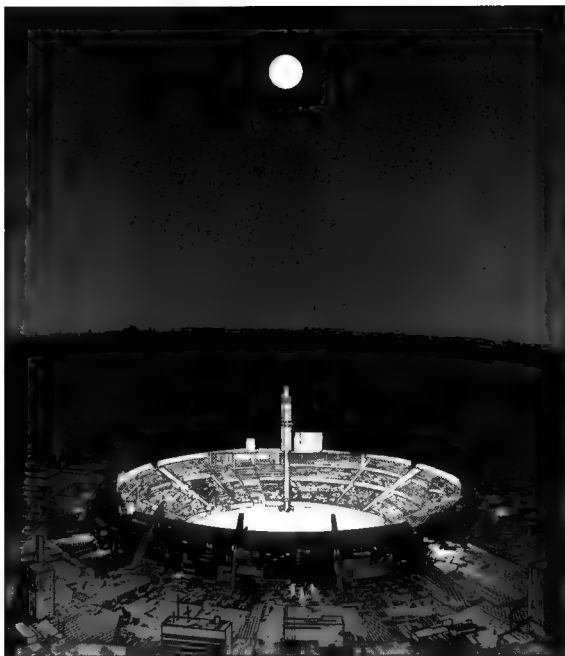


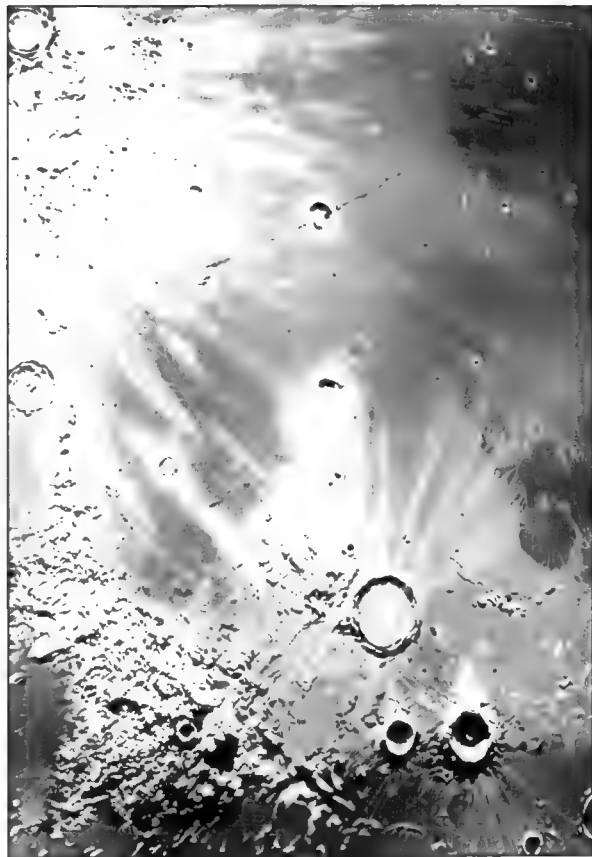


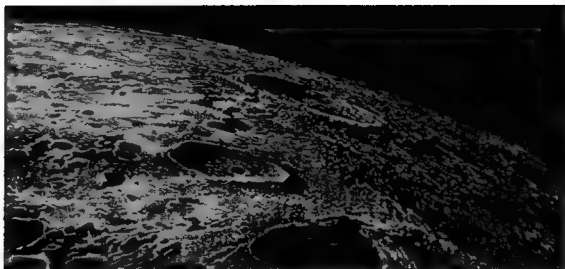


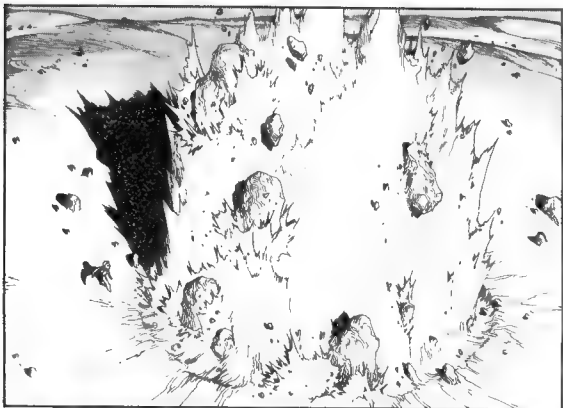


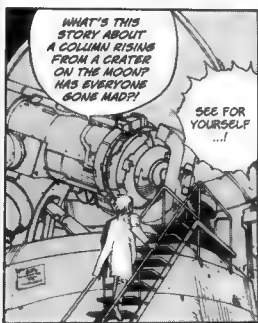
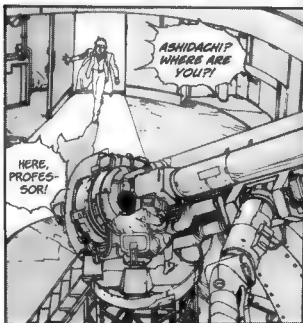


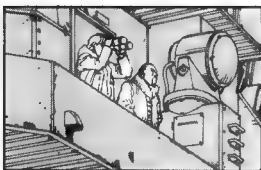
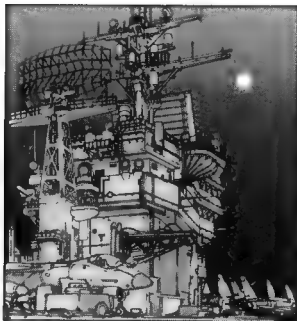


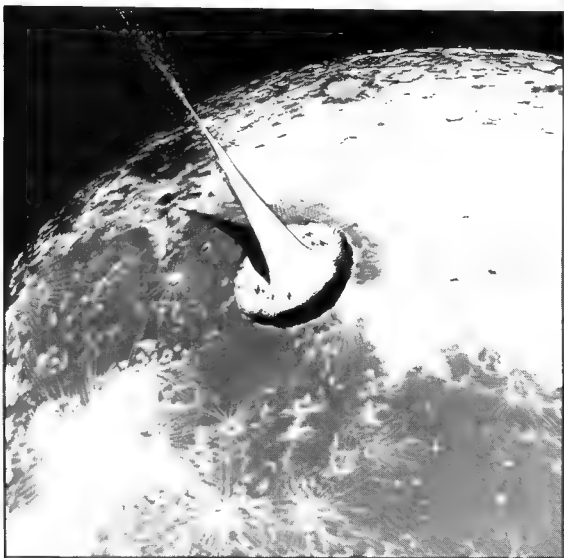
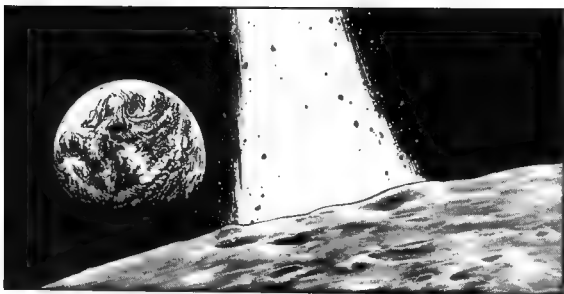




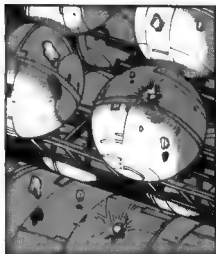
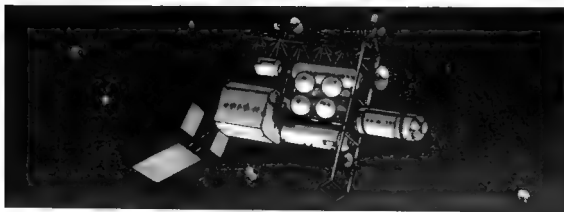
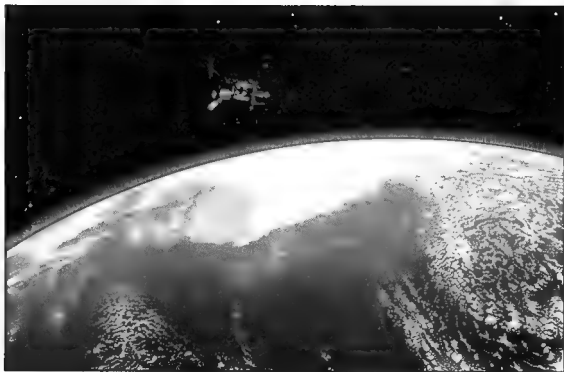


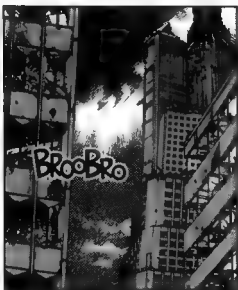


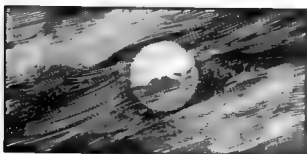


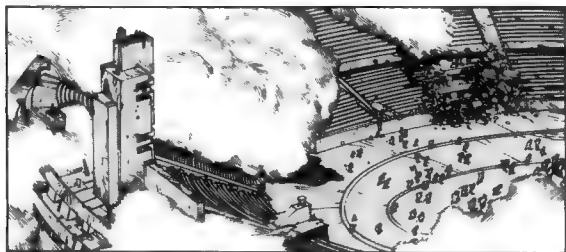
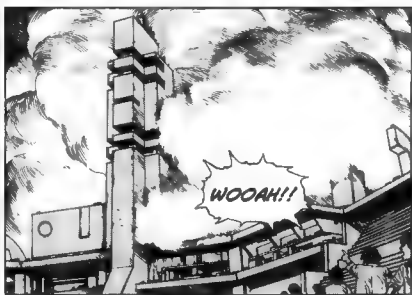


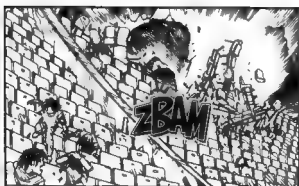






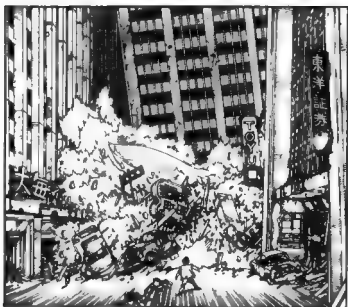
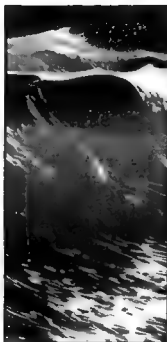


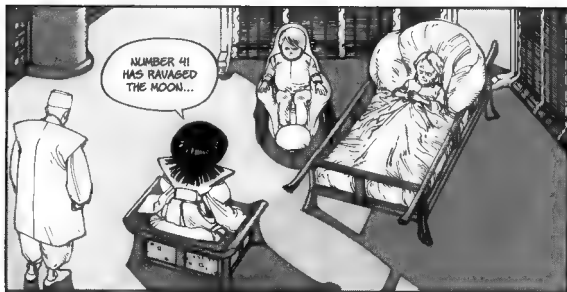


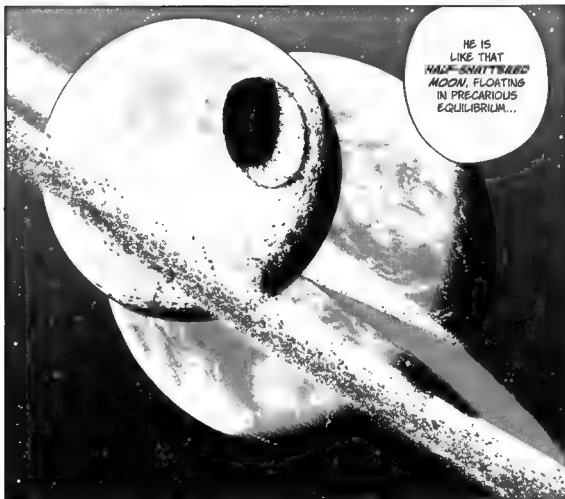
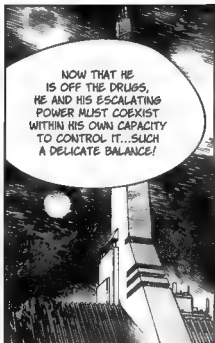


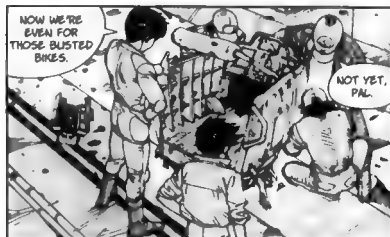


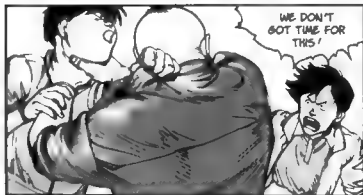
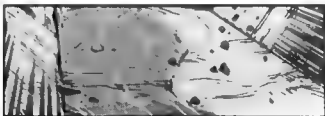
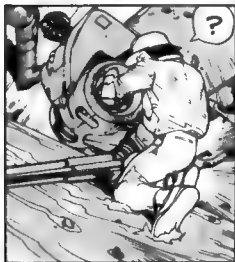




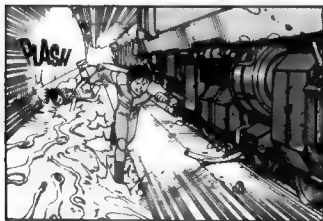
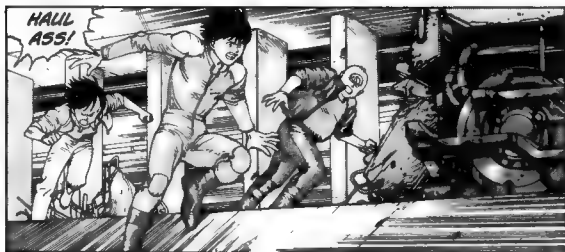


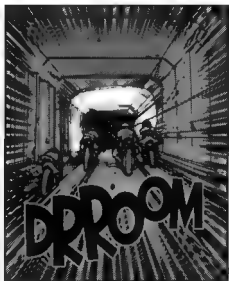


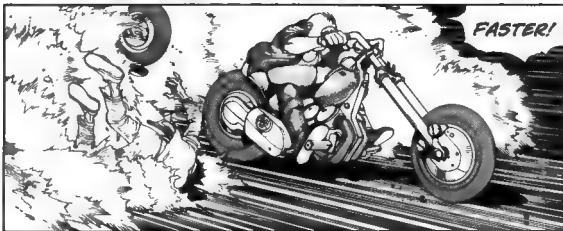


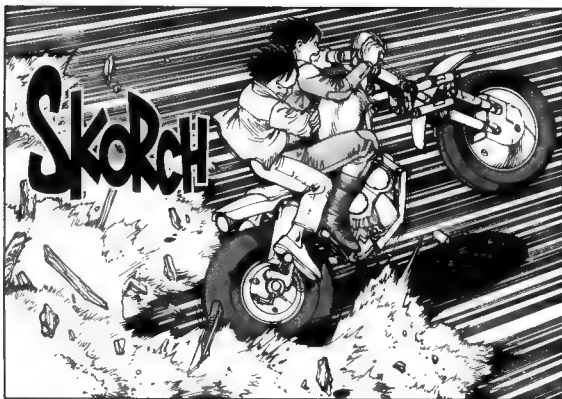


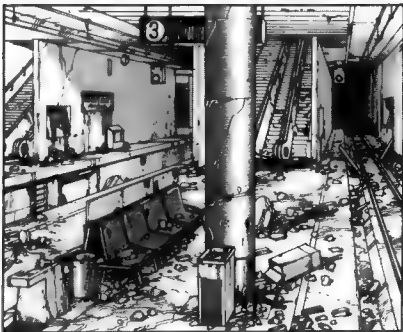
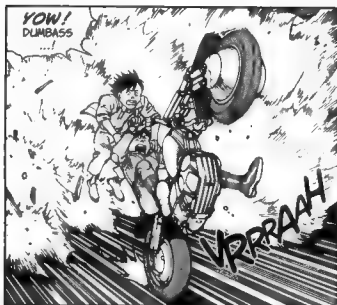


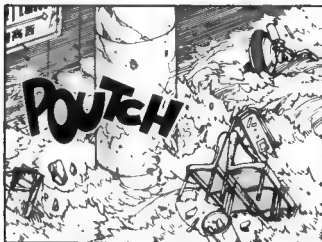
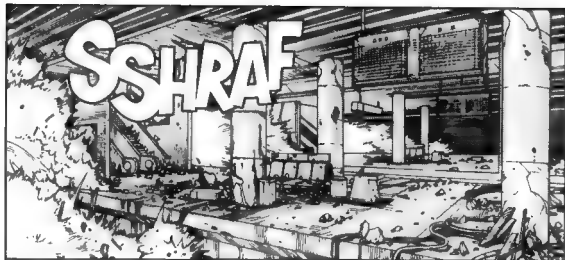




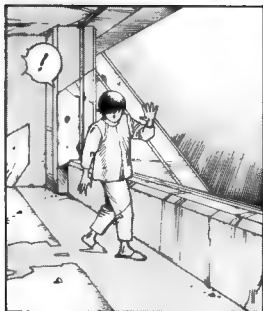


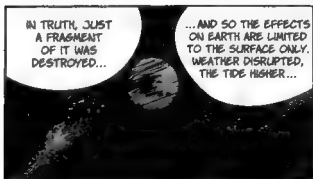


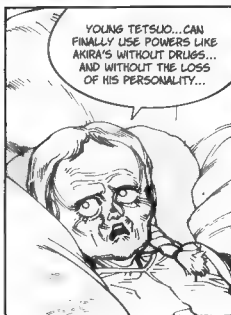
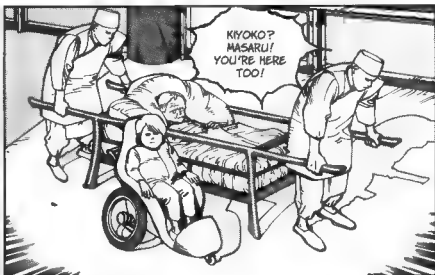




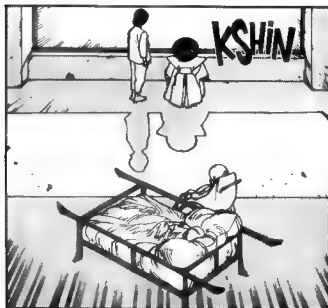


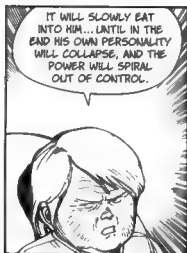


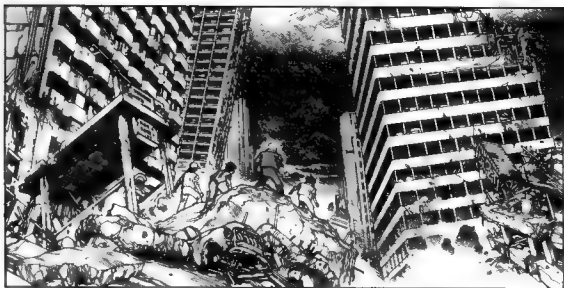


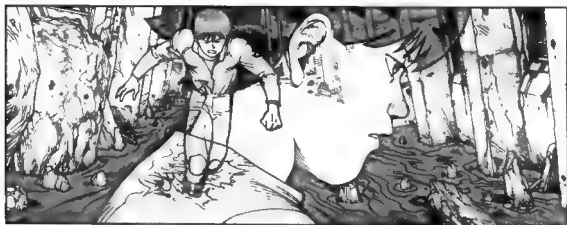
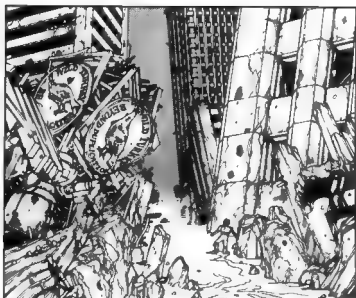
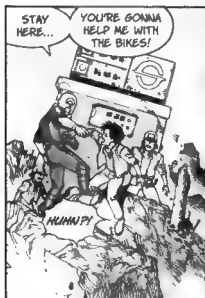


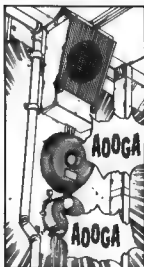


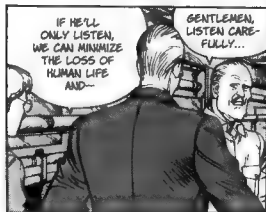
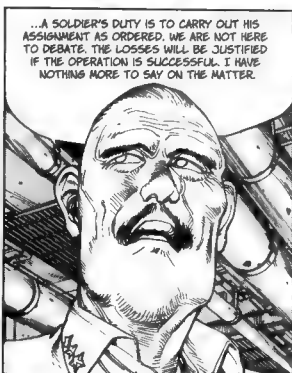
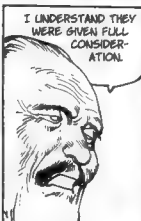
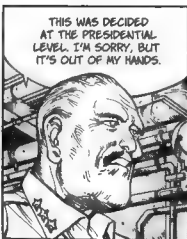
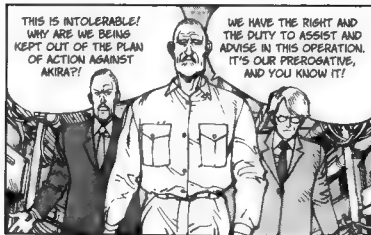


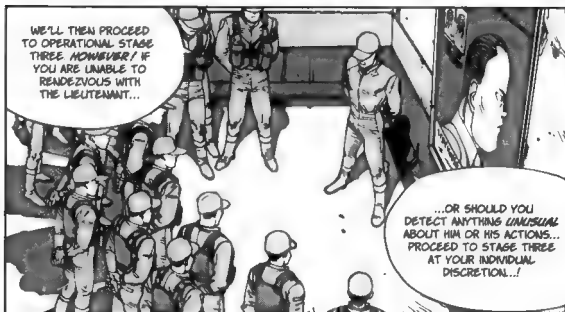
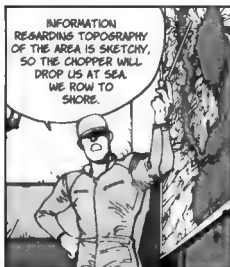


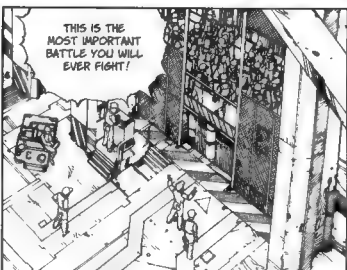
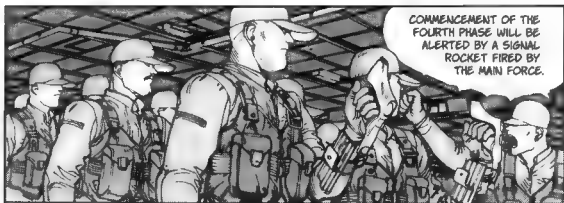


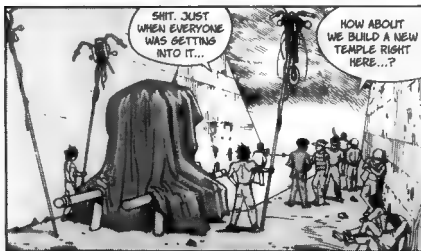
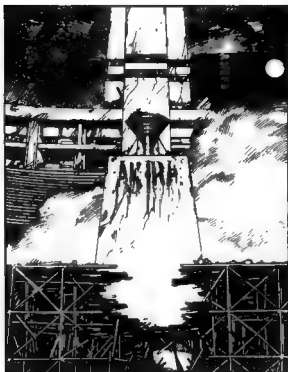


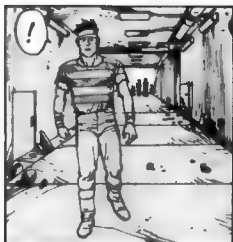
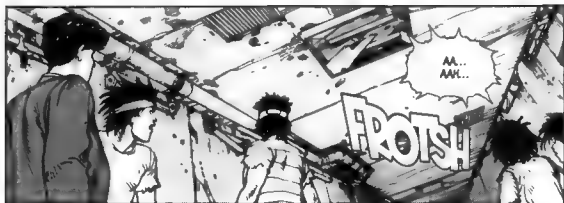






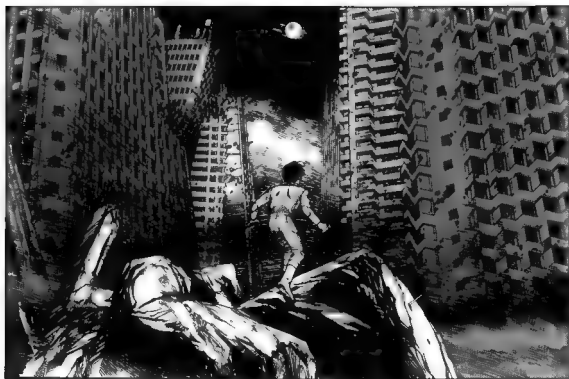




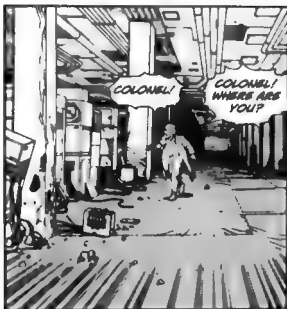




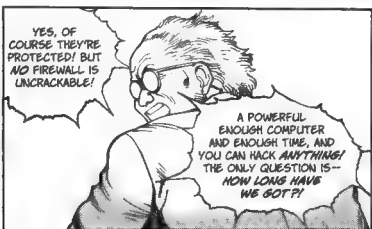
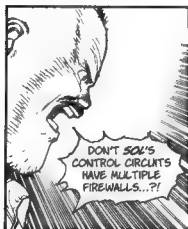


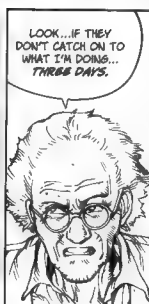
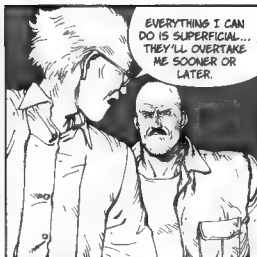


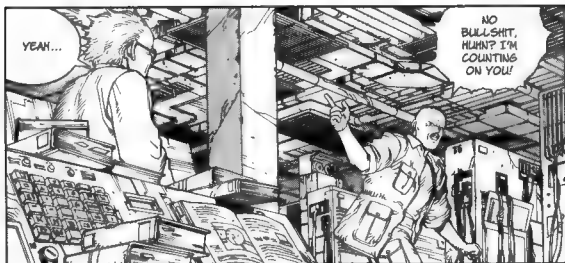


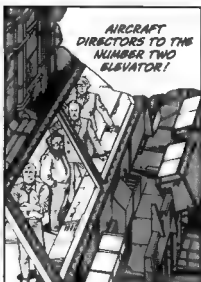
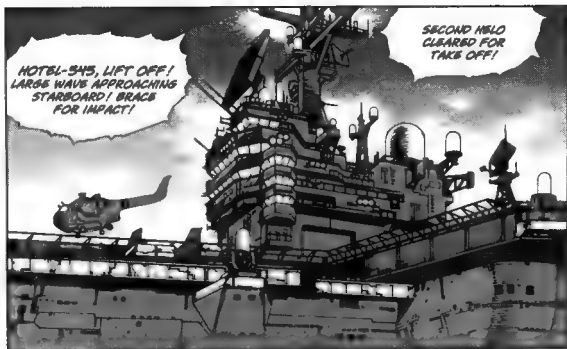


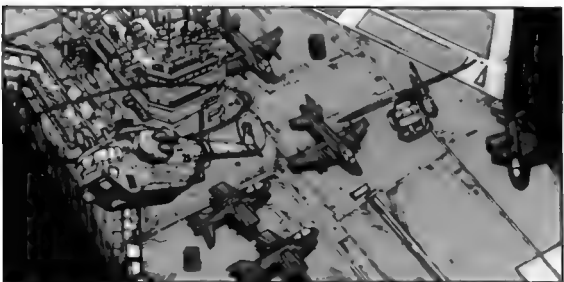
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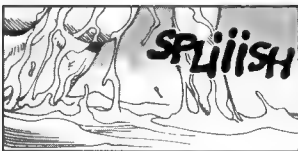
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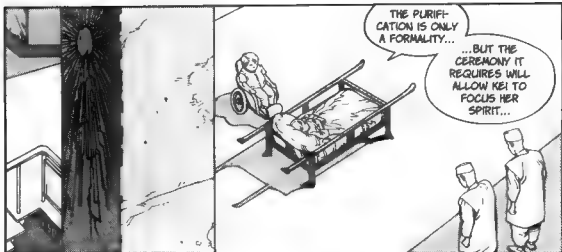
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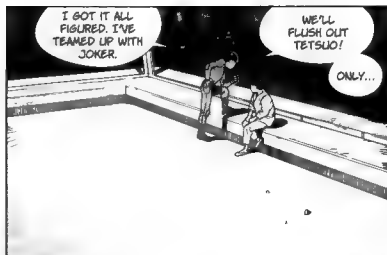




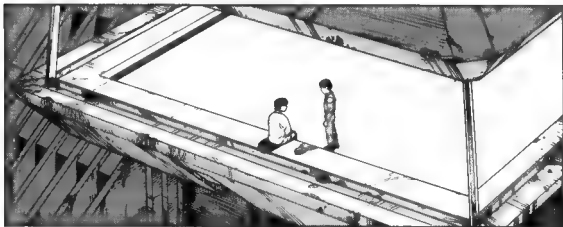








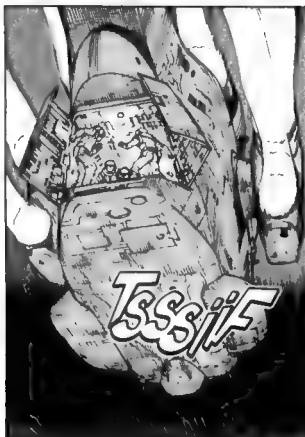
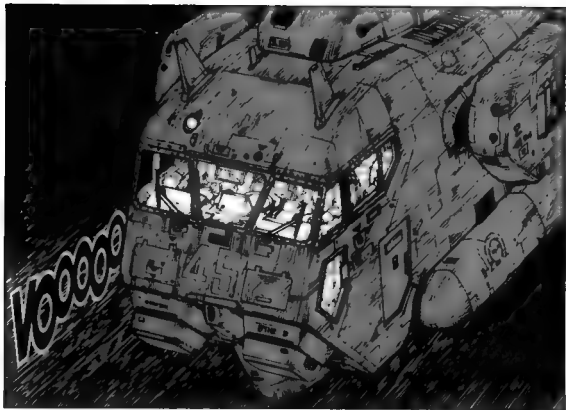


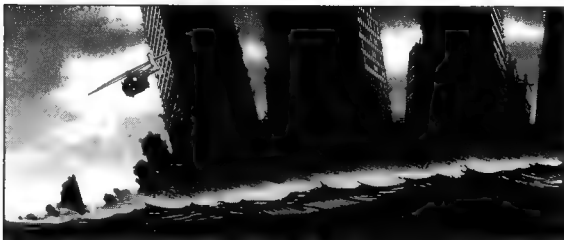
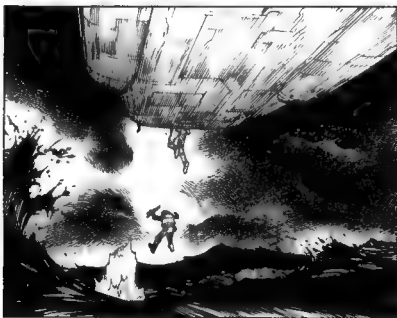
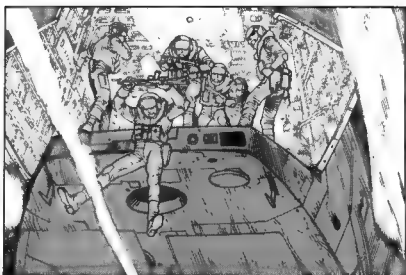














A "MEDIUM"
...?!



WHAT
THE HELL'S
THAT?!



I HAVE...
THAT POWER...



THEY'LL
UNIFY ALL THEIR
POWERS INSIDE
ME, AND...

...FIGHT
TETSUO.

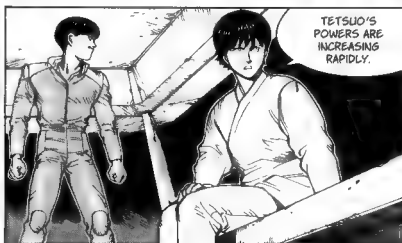


WHAT?!
THAT'S...
CRAZY!!!

WHAT HAPPENS
TO YOU?!



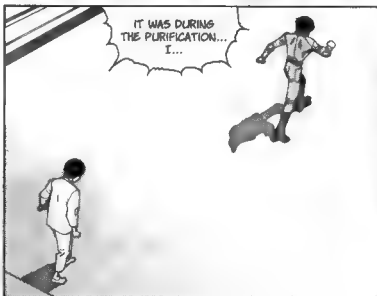
DO YOU
SEE THE
STORM?



TETSUO'S
POWERS ARE
INCREASING
RAPIDLY.





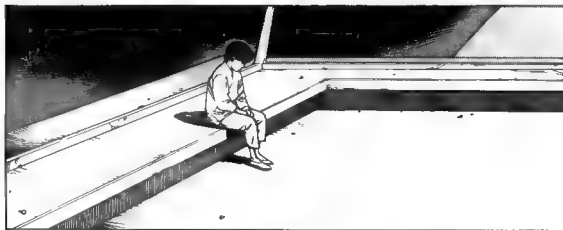


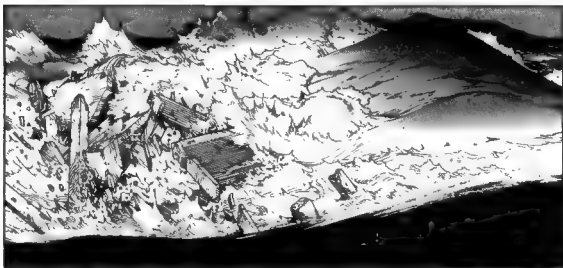
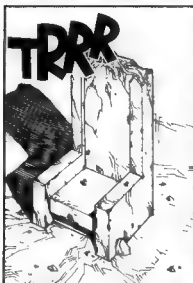


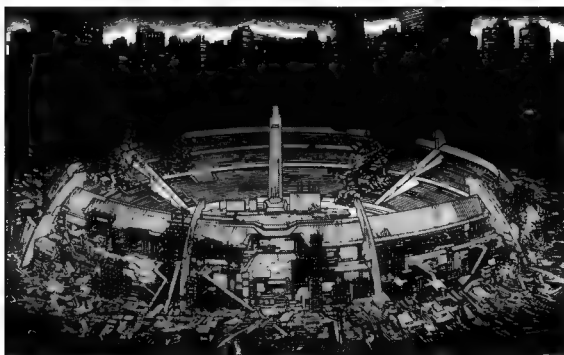






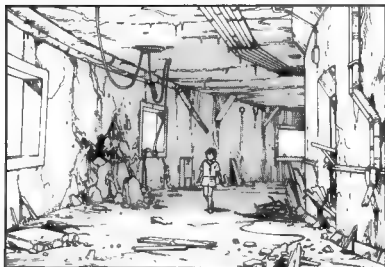




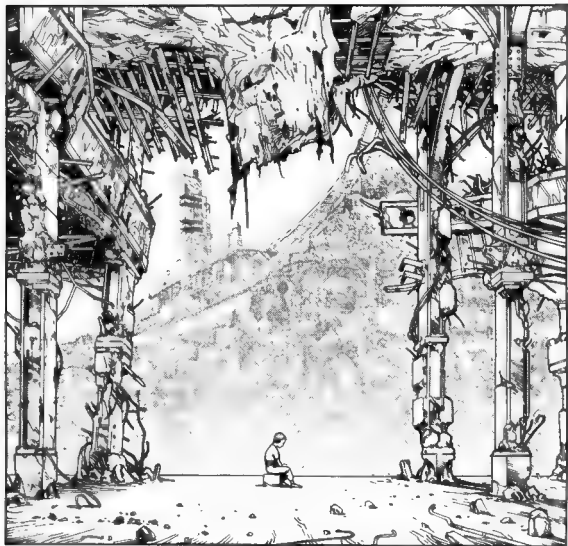


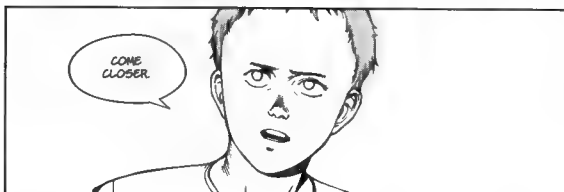
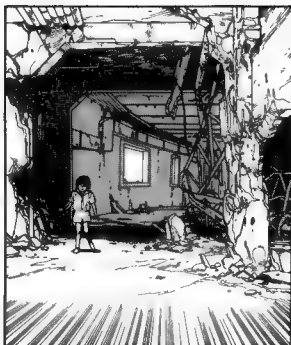




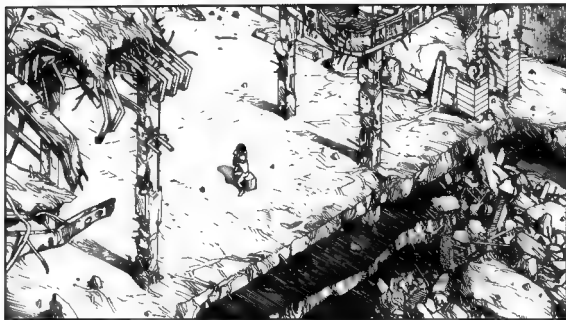






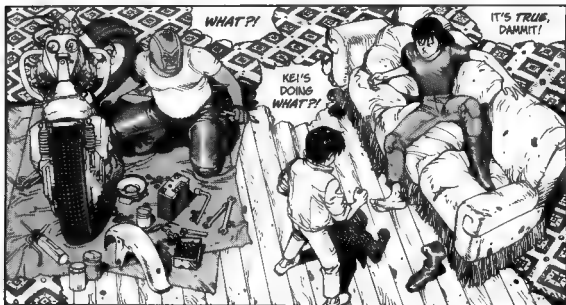


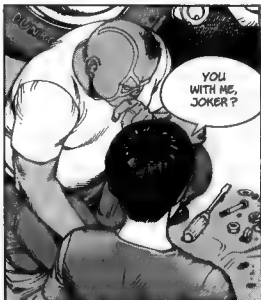


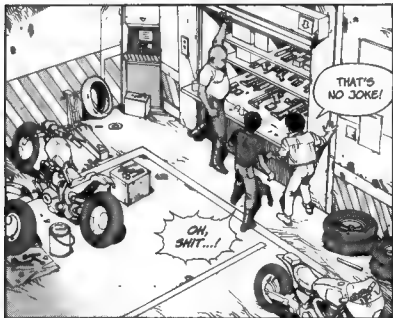
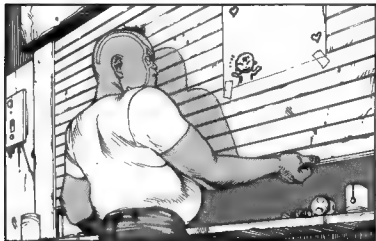


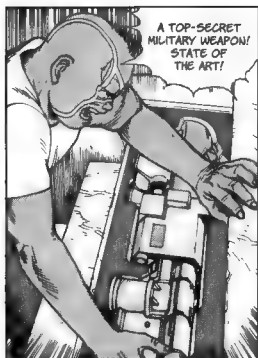


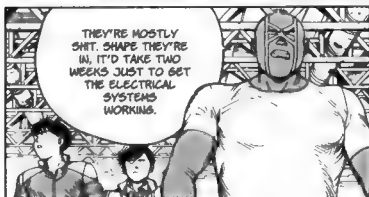




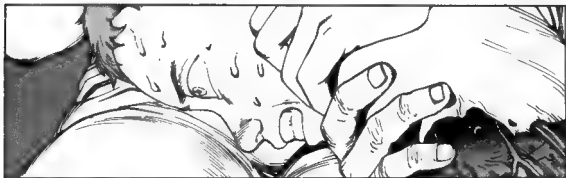


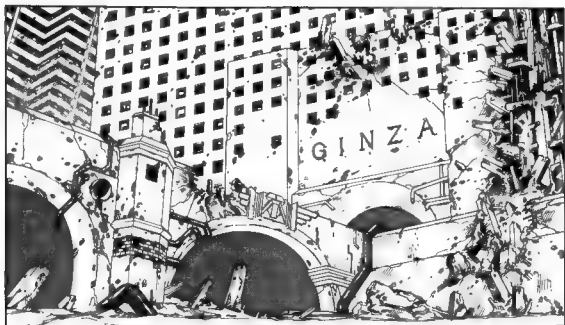


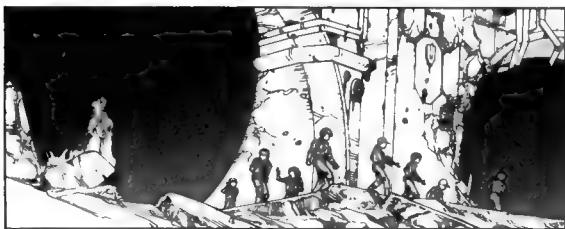


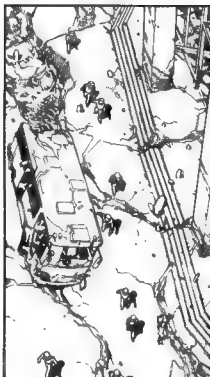














PREPARE
YOURSELVES,
CITIZENS!



HE'S OUT OF
RANGE! USE
YOUR RIFLE!
FIRE!

TAKA
TAKATA



HA HA HA
HA HAA!



WHAT THE--?!
THE BULLETS ARE
DEFLECTING?!



HA HA HA!
YOU ARE NOTHING!
MASTER TETSUO WILL
BE DISAPPOINTED
BY SUCH WEAK
OPPONENTS!

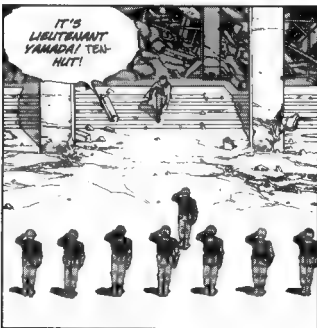


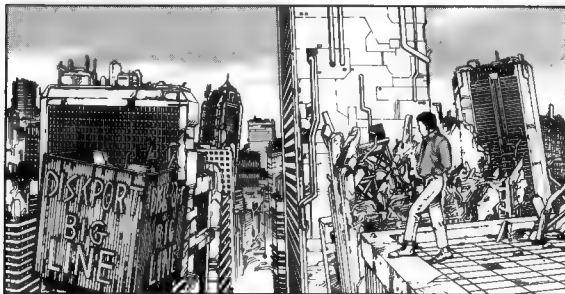
EH...?!

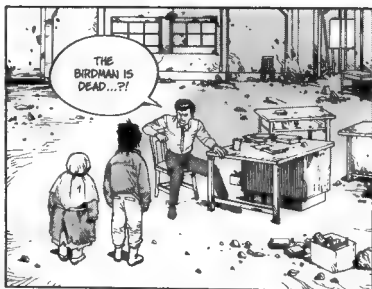


WHO...
WHO'S
THAT?! STAY
BACK...!

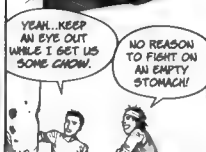
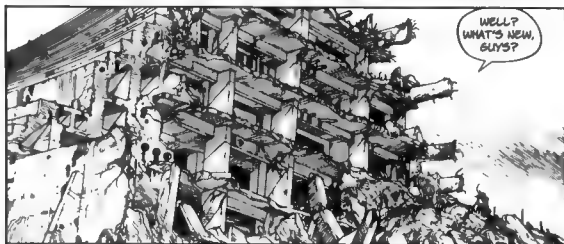




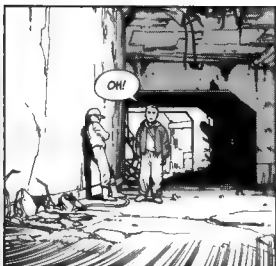






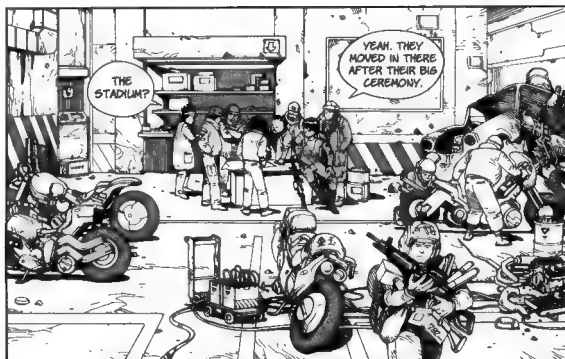




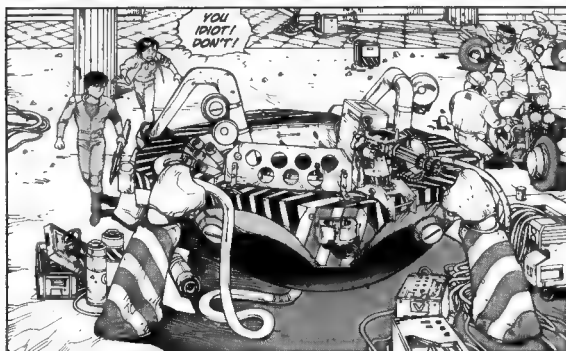




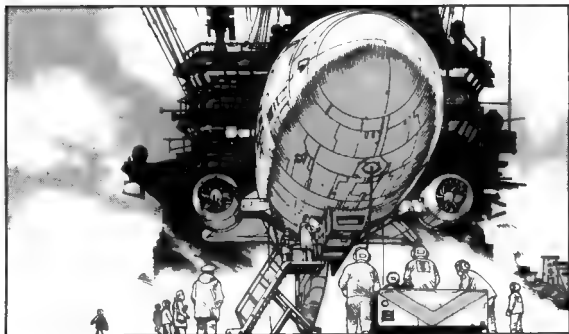








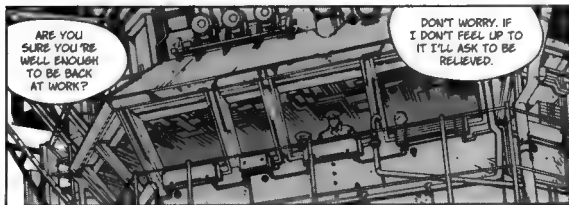




WHAT
KIND OF READINGS
ARE YOU GETTING,
DR. JORRIS?



NOTHING
UNUSUAL TO
REPORT.



ARE YOU
SURE YOU'RE
WELL ENOUGH
TO BE BACK
AT WORK?

DON'T WORRY. IF
I DON'T FEEL UP TO
IT I'LL ASK TO BE
RELIEVED.



THREE MORE DAYS...TWO MORE DAYS...EXTENSION AFTER EXTENSION, AND NOW, TODAY, YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHEN YOU'LL CRACK IT?



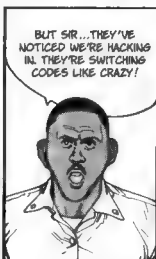
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS, LIEUTENANT?



YOU WERE STRUTTING AROUND SAYING YOU'D BREAK THE SECURITY LOCK ON SOL IN A WEEK!



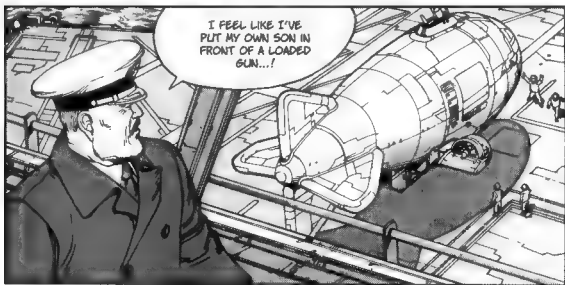
BUT SIR...THEY'VE NOTICED WE'RE HACKING IN. THEY'RE SWITCHING CODES LIKE CRAZY!

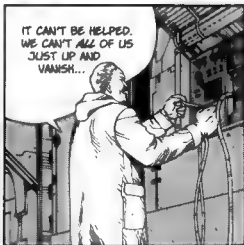
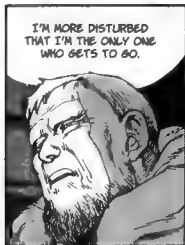


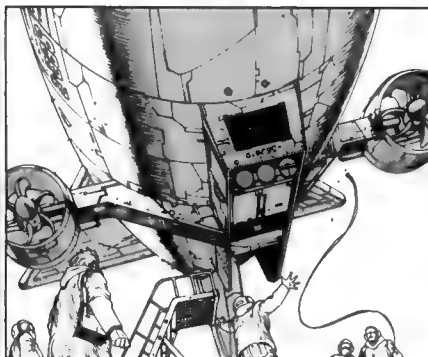
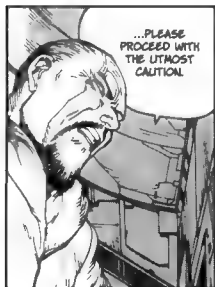
NO EXCUSES!

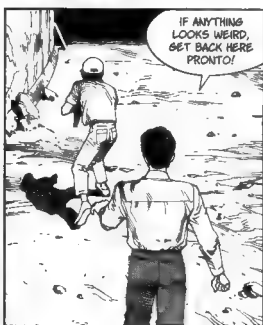
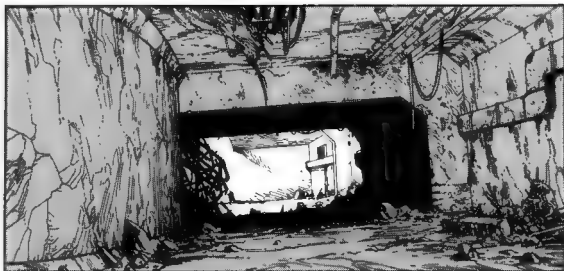


I FEEL LIKE I'VE PUT MY OWN SON IN FRONT OF A LOADED GUN...!

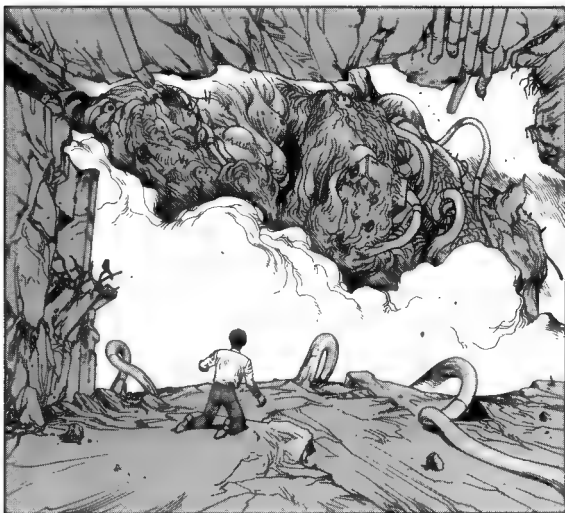




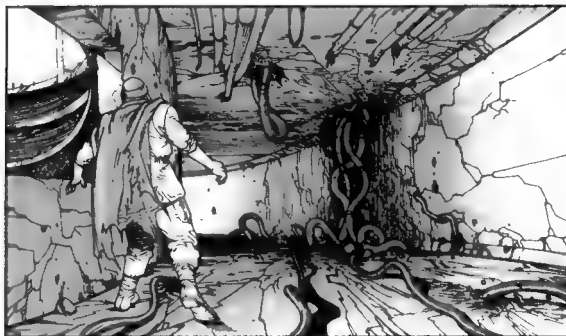
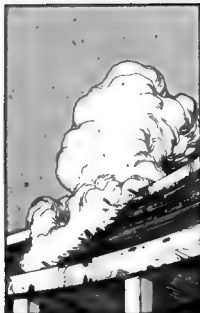


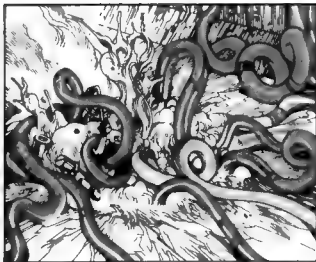


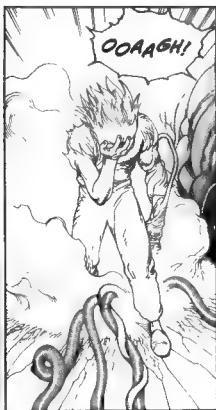


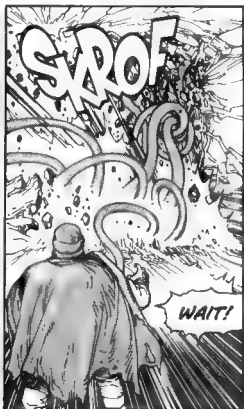
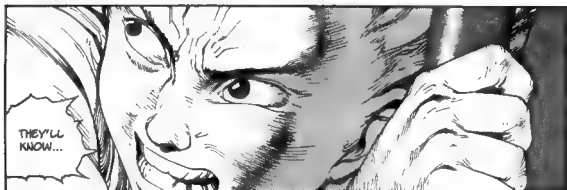


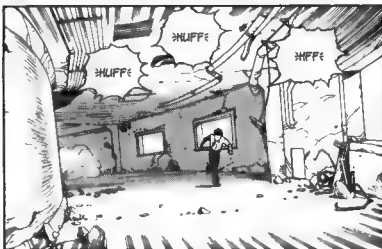


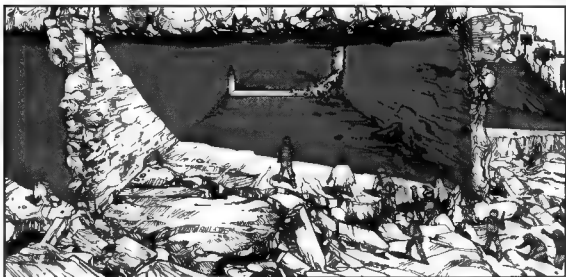
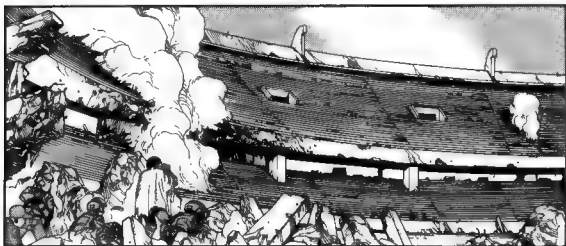


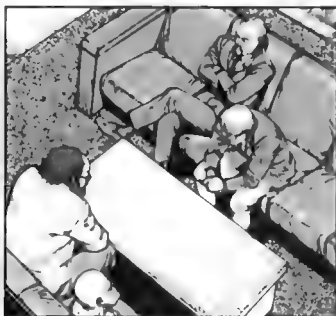


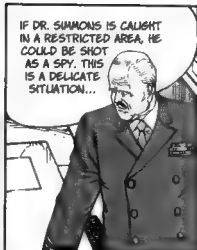
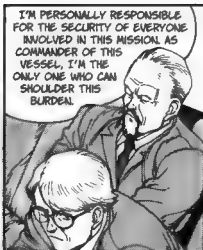


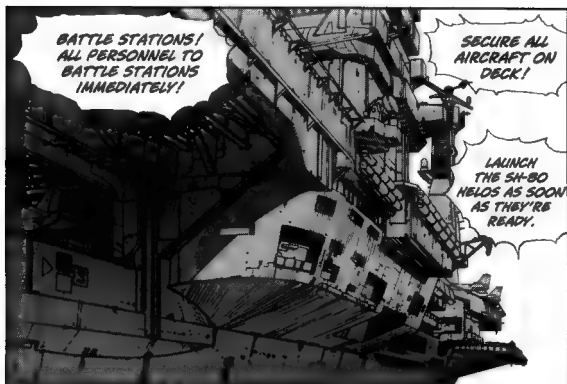




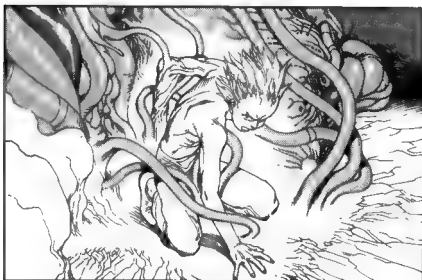


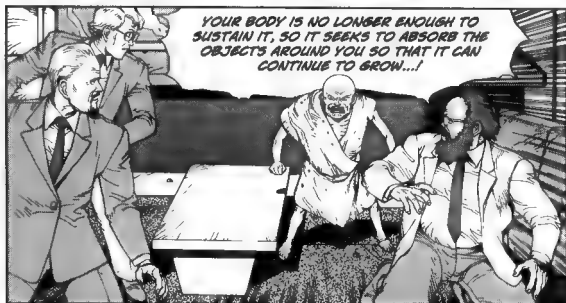




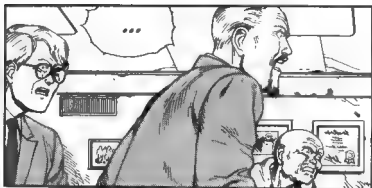


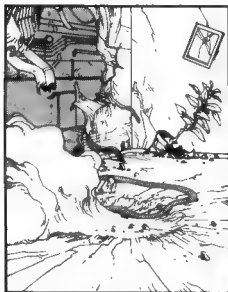






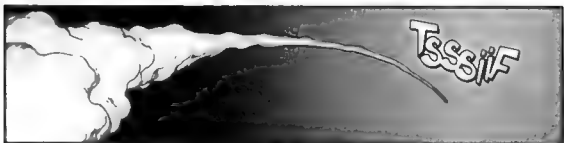
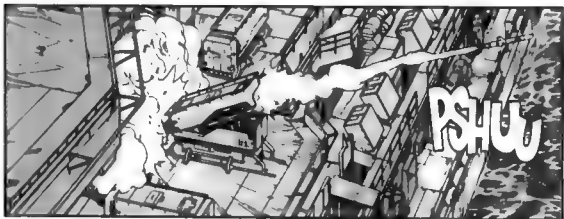
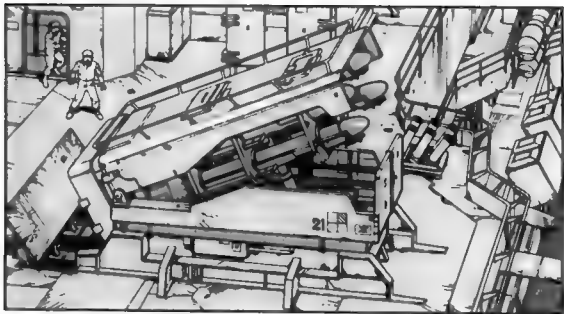


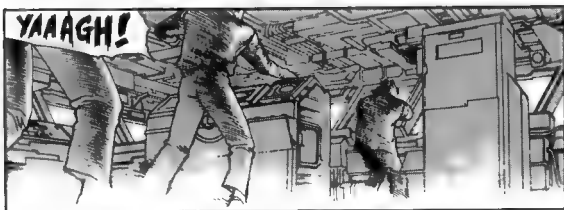
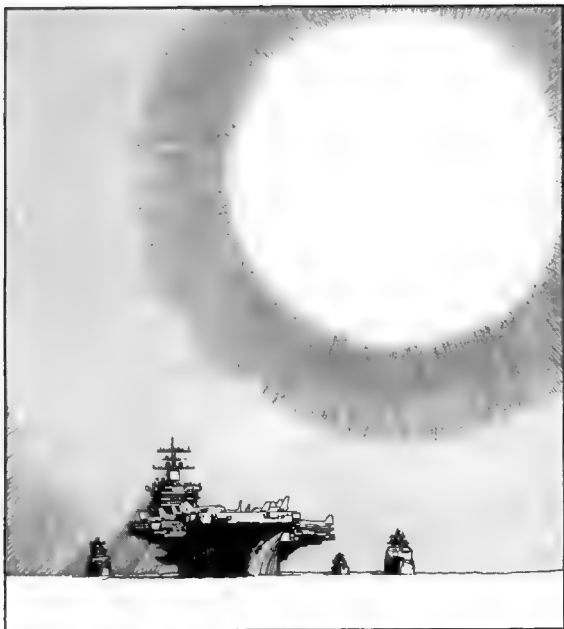


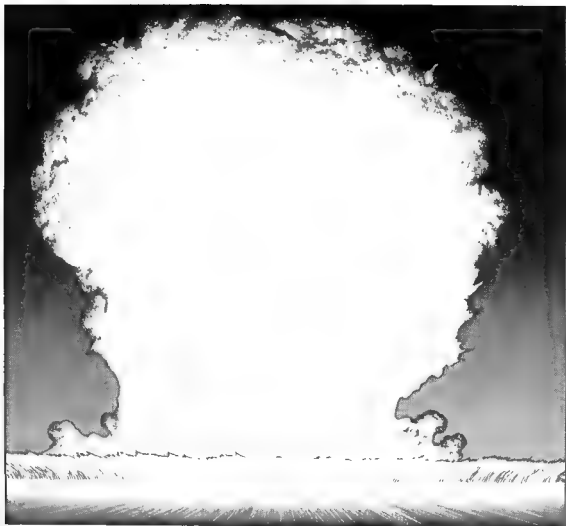


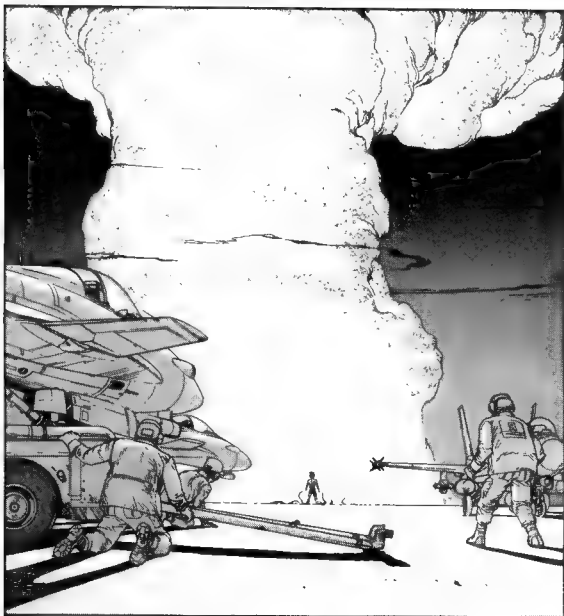


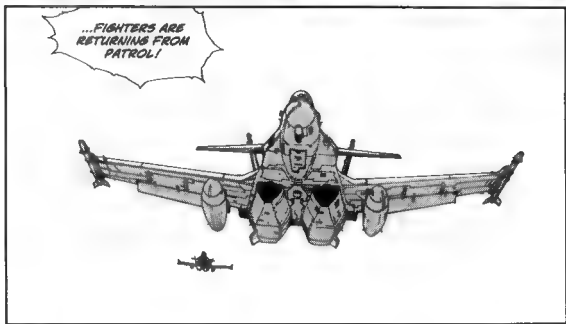


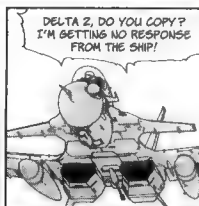
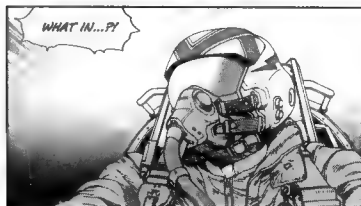
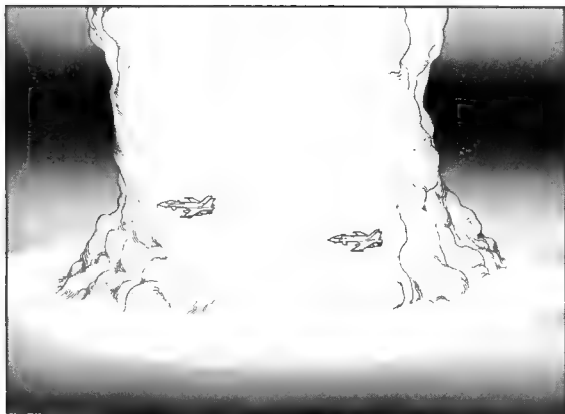


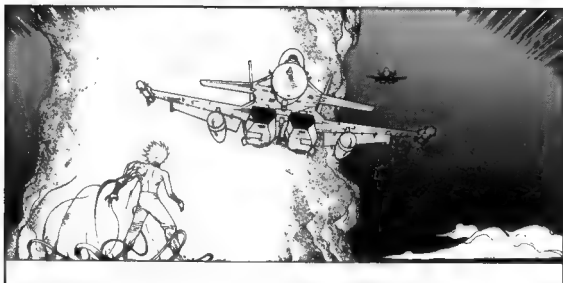


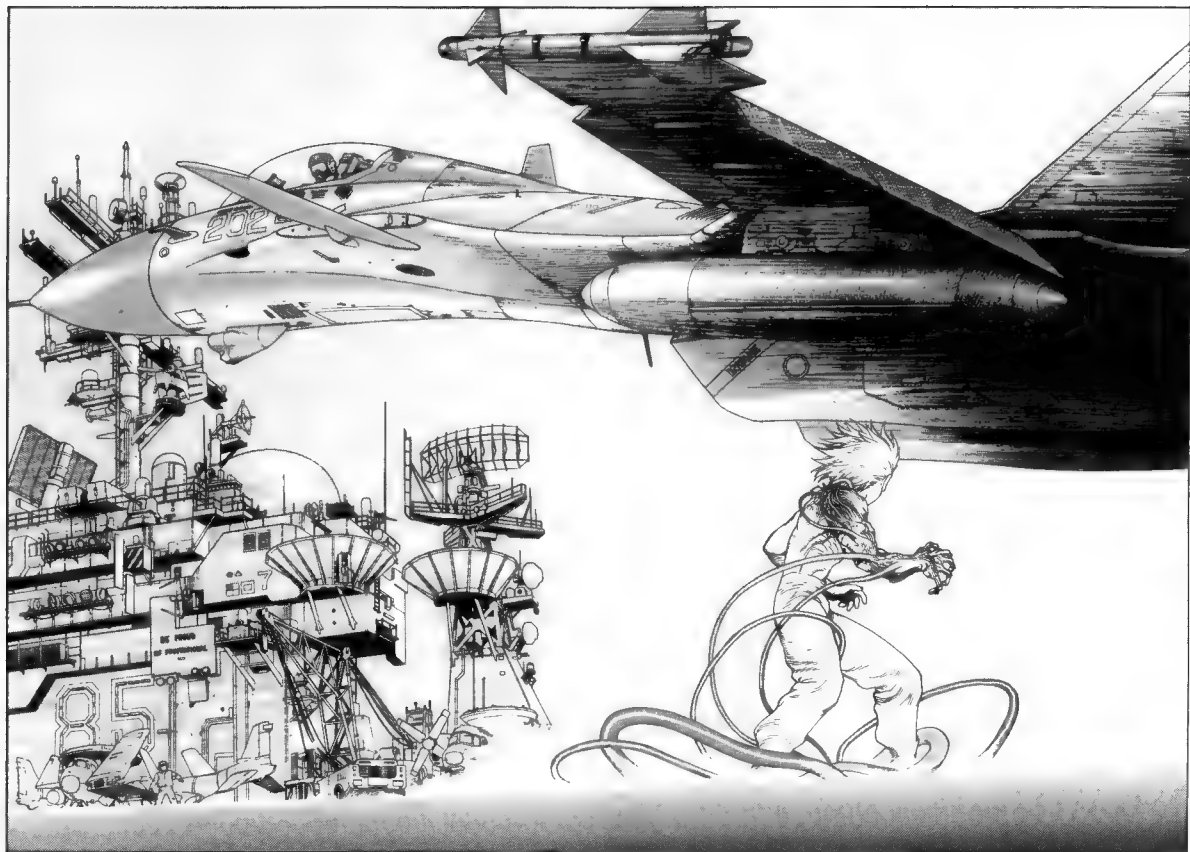


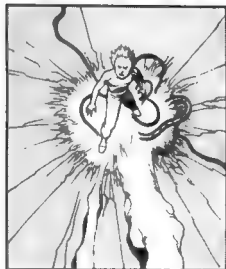
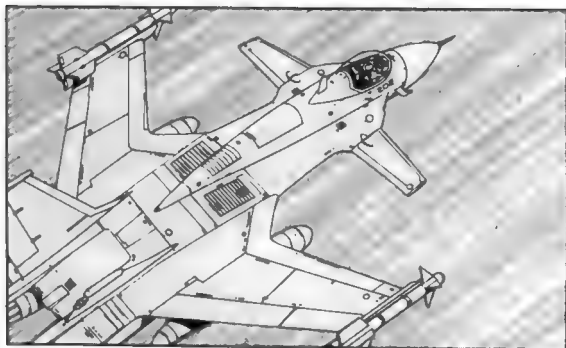




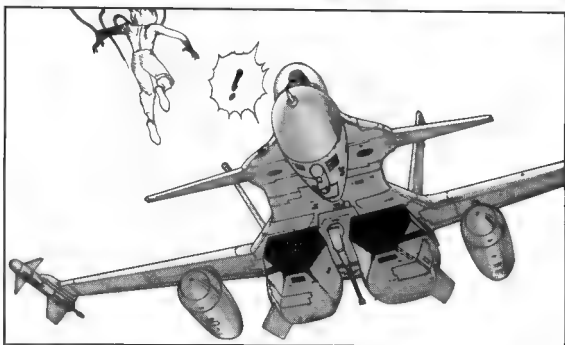
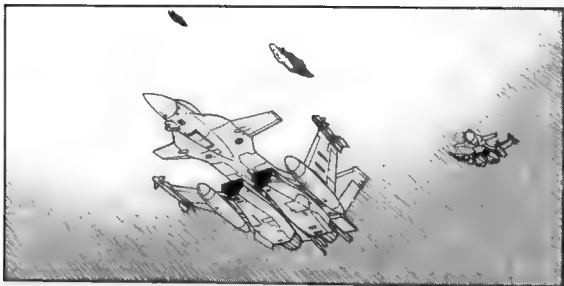


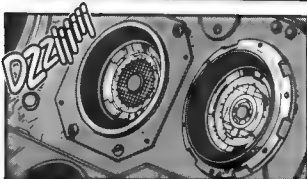


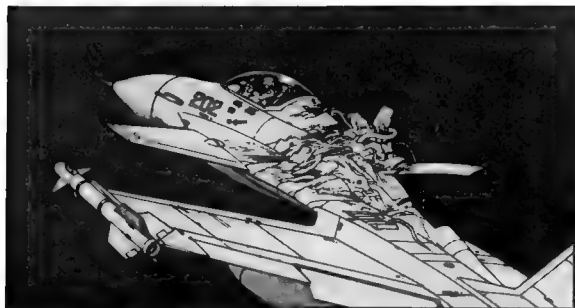




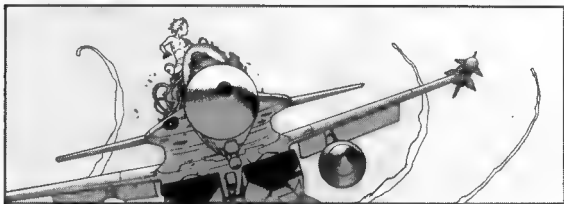


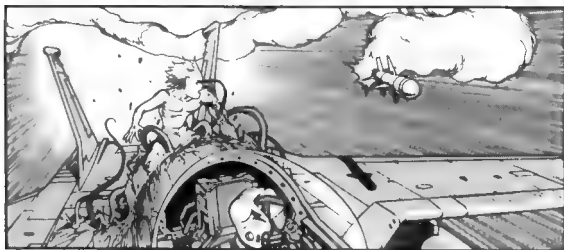
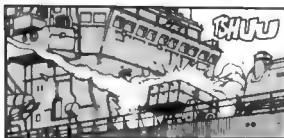
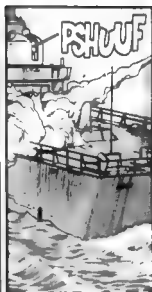


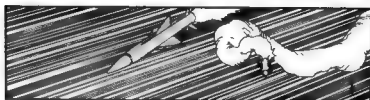


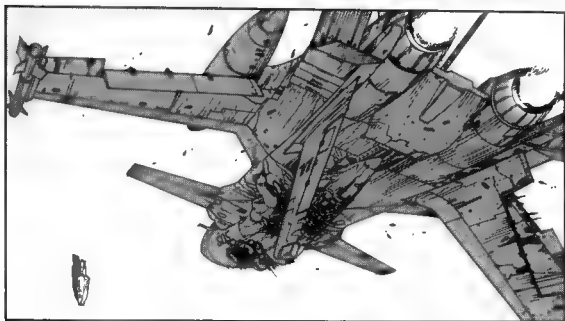
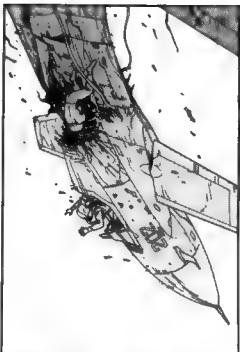


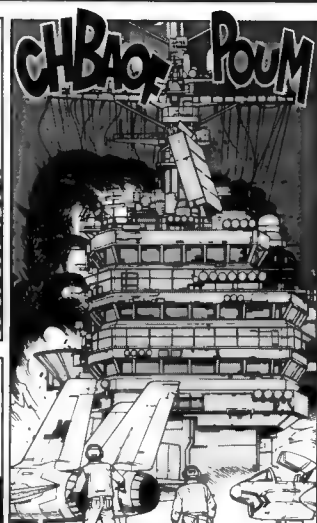




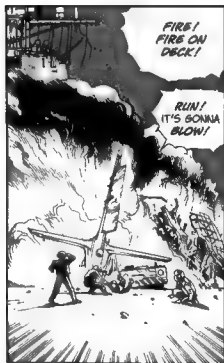


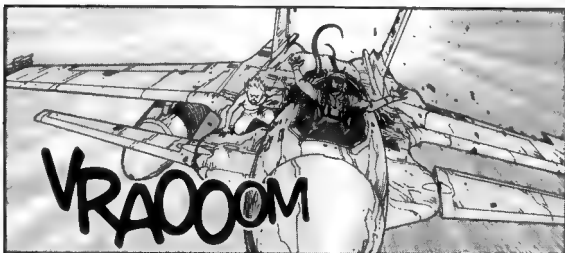
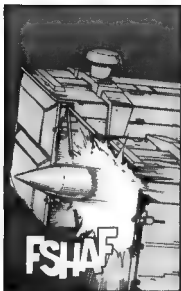


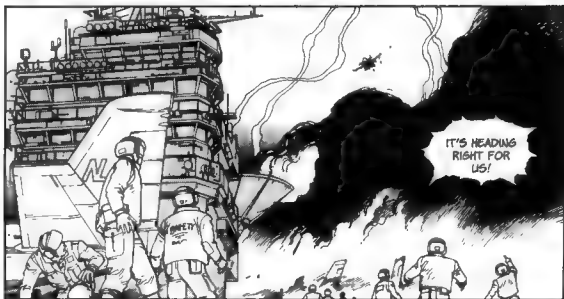
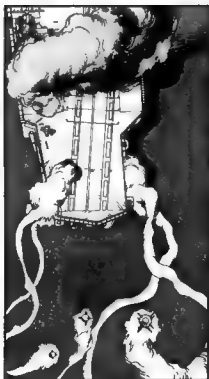


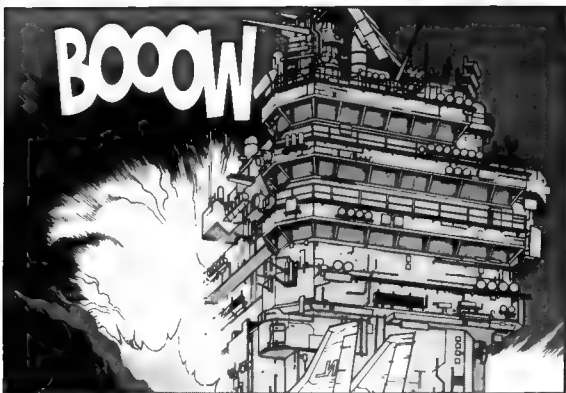
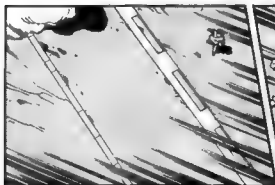
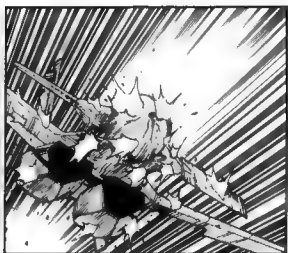
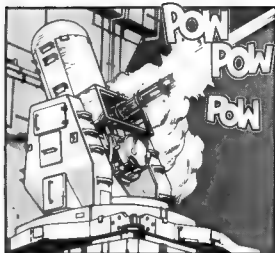


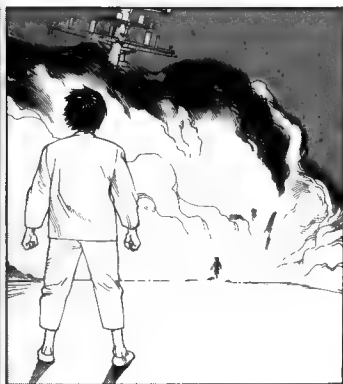
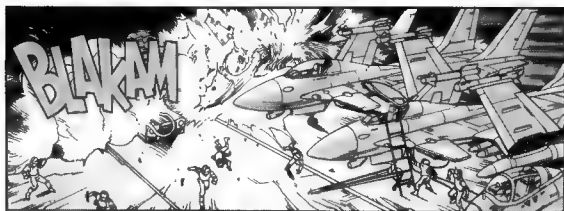
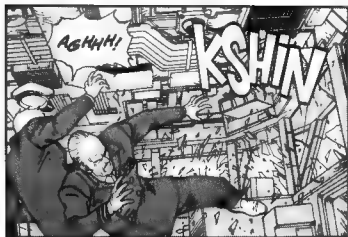




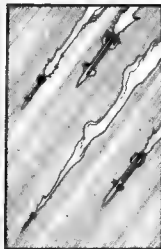




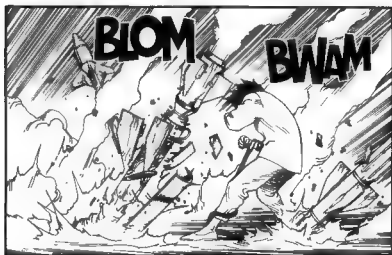


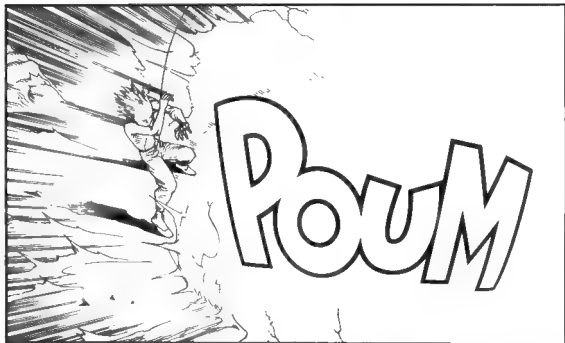






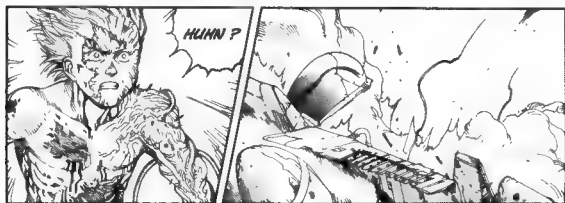
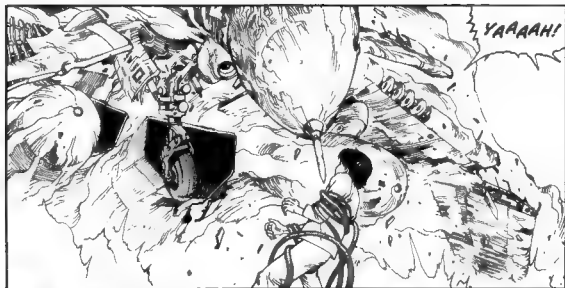


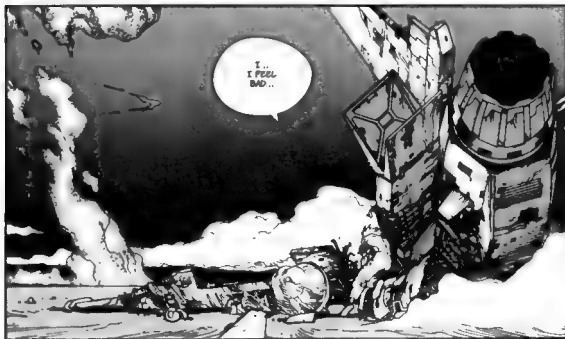
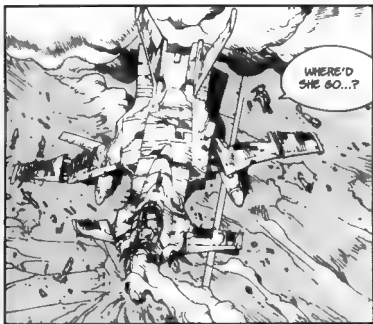




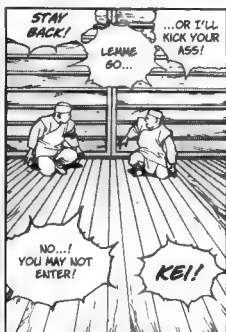
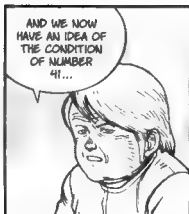


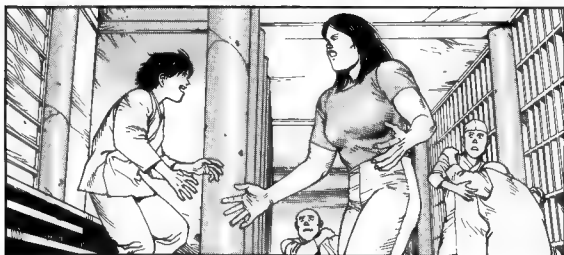


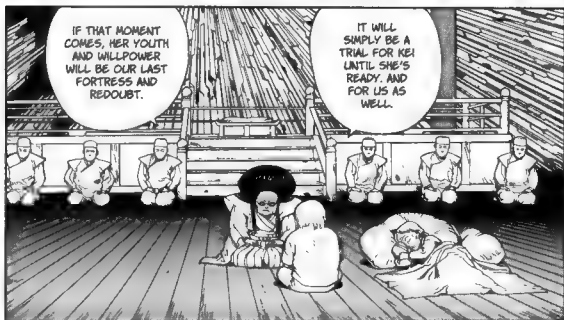


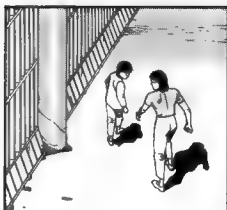








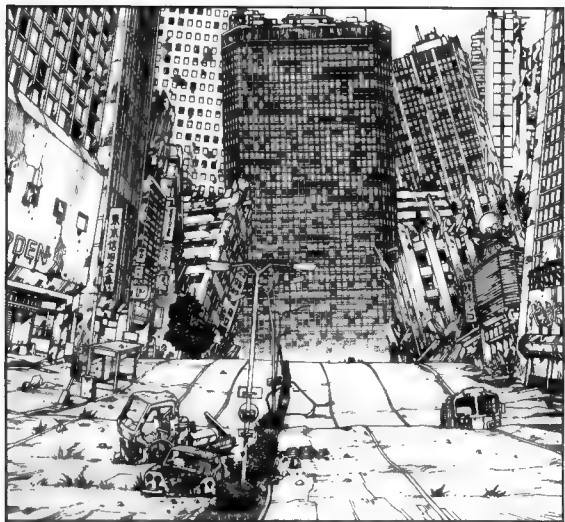


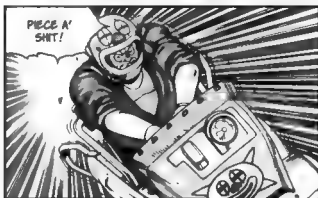
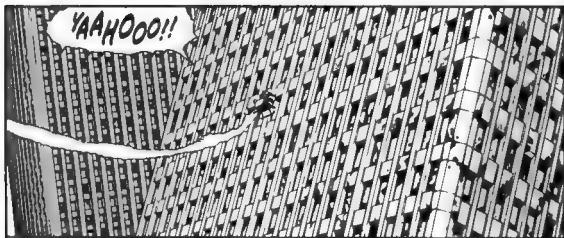




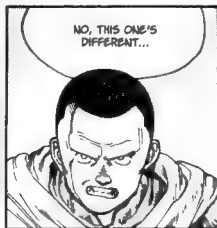
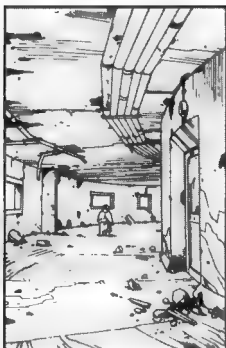






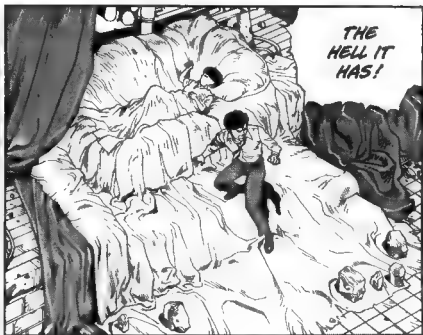


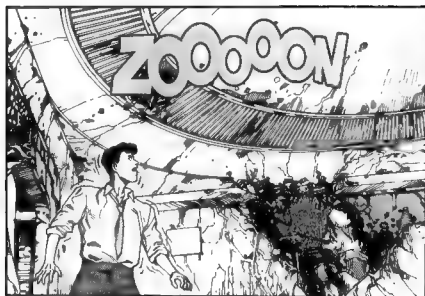


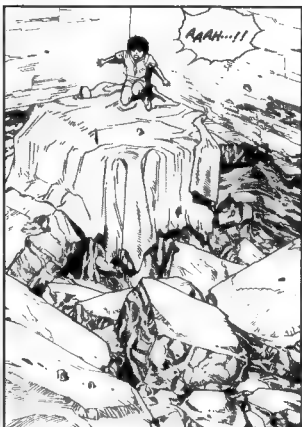


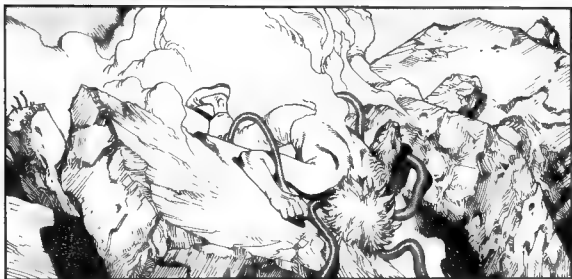


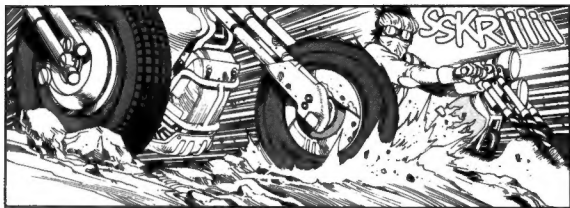


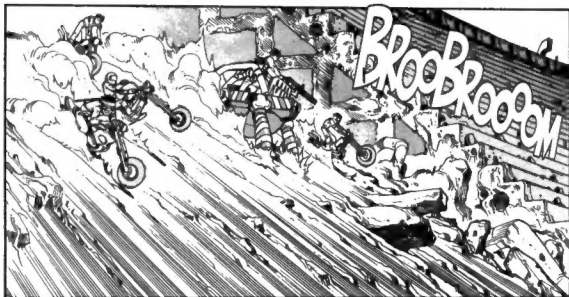














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